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# **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "LEW OF THE LAND"**

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## **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA IN "THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES"**

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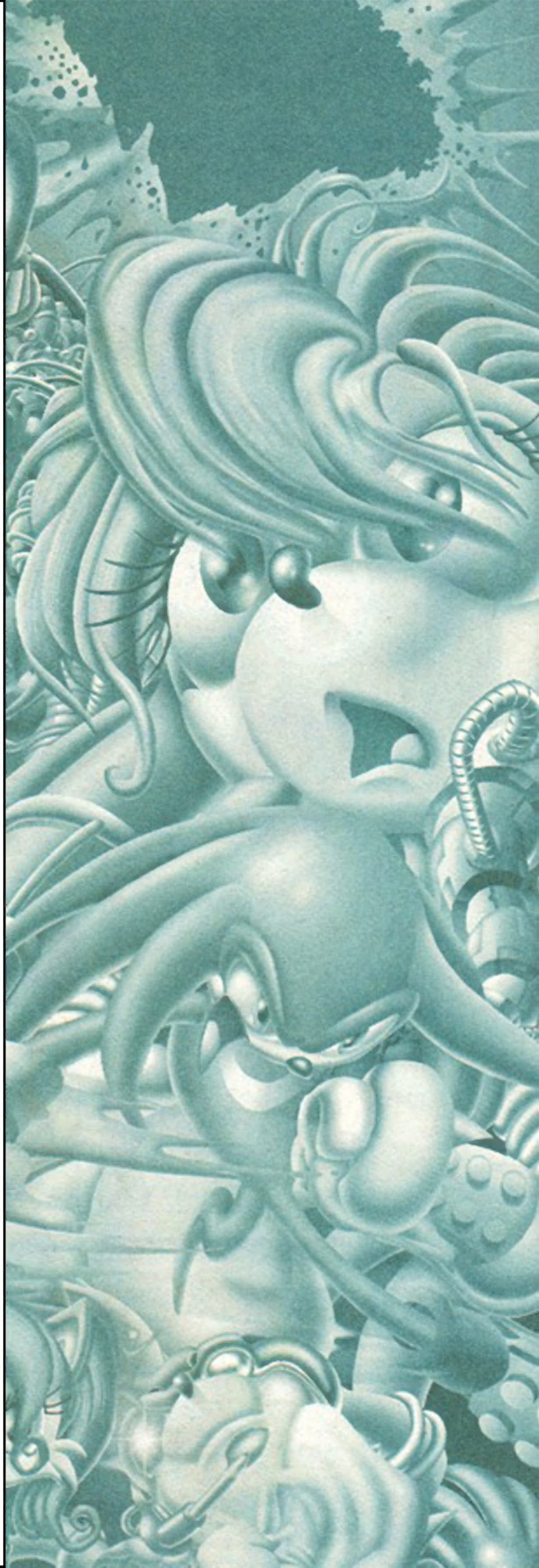
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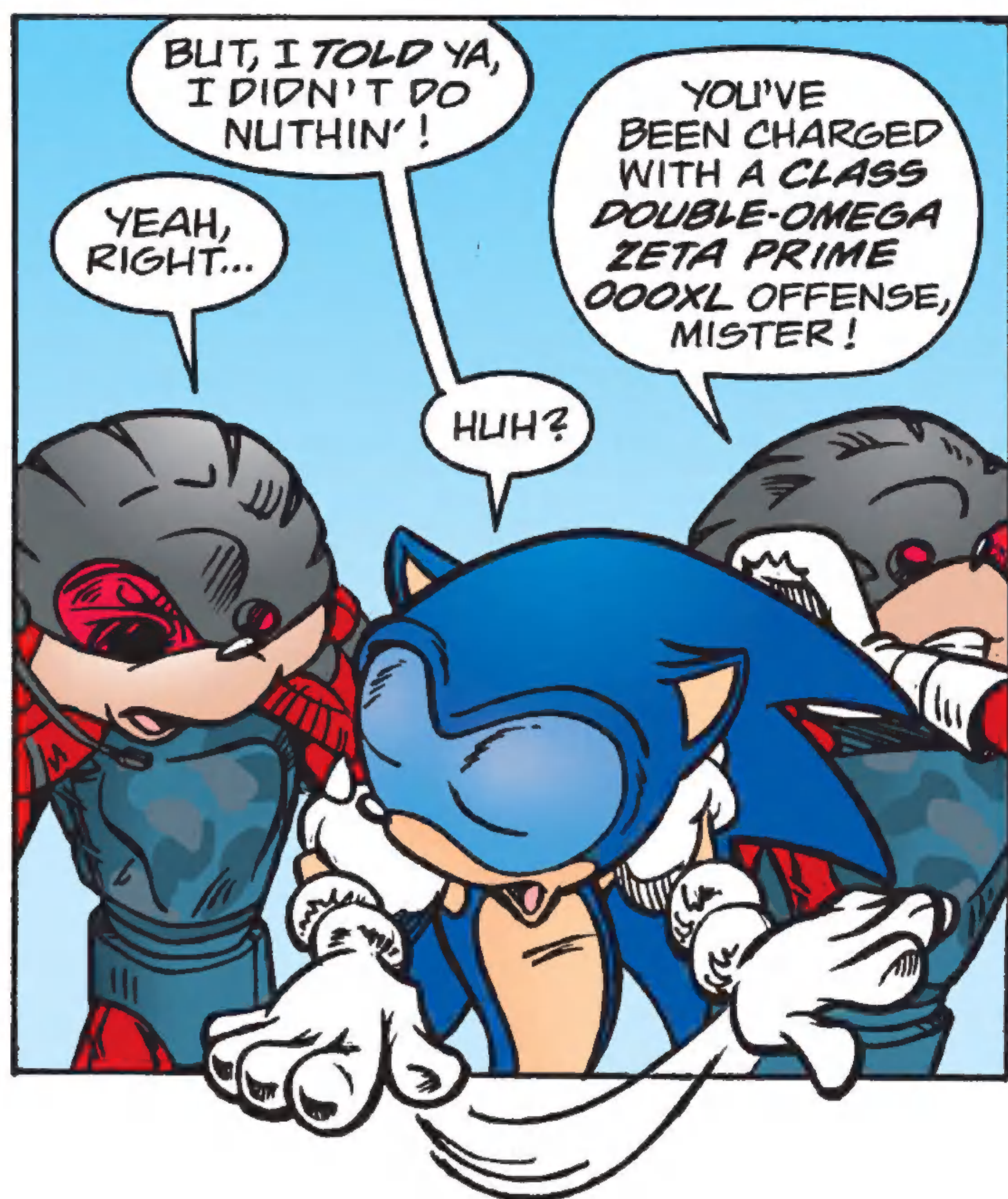
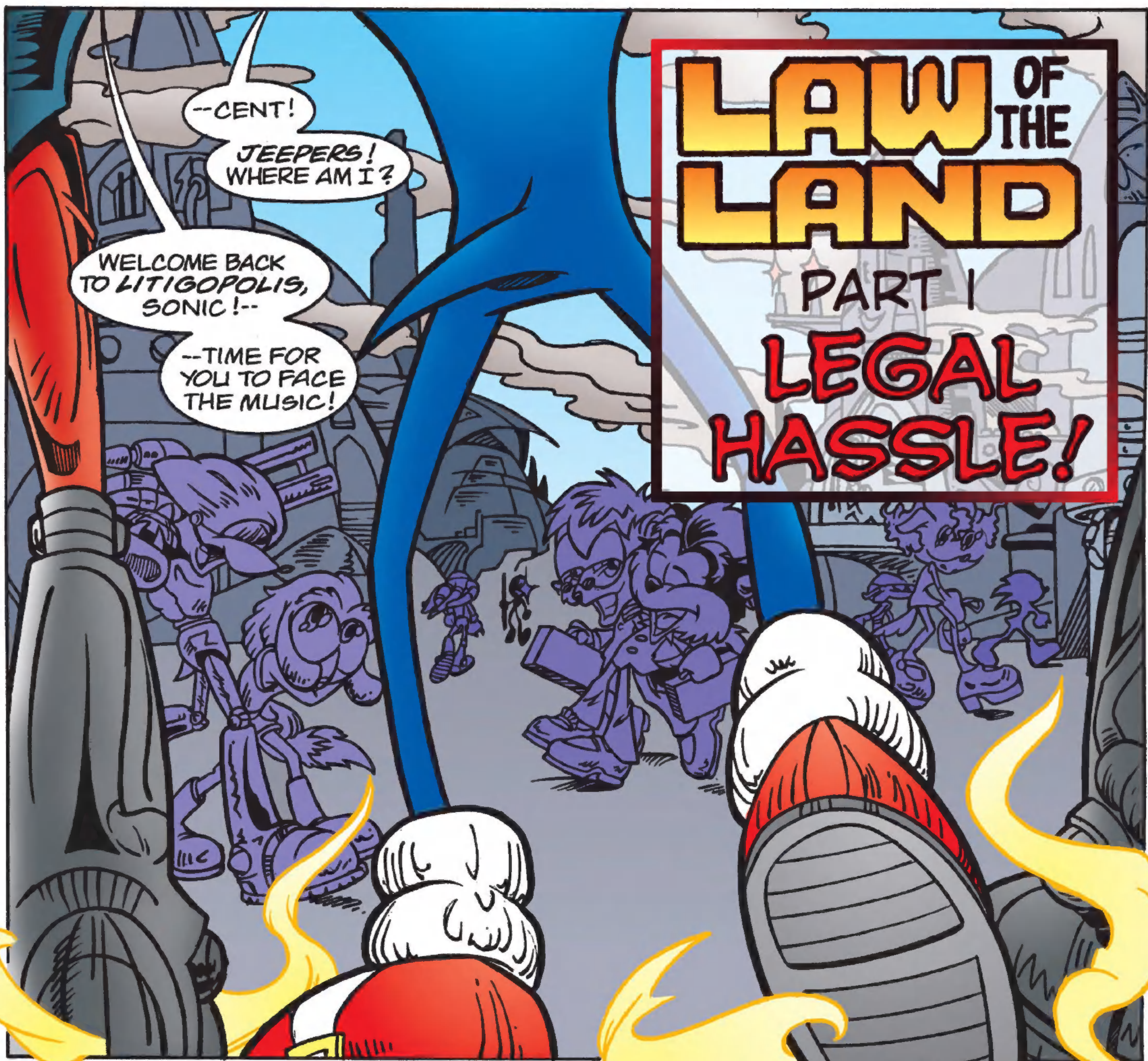
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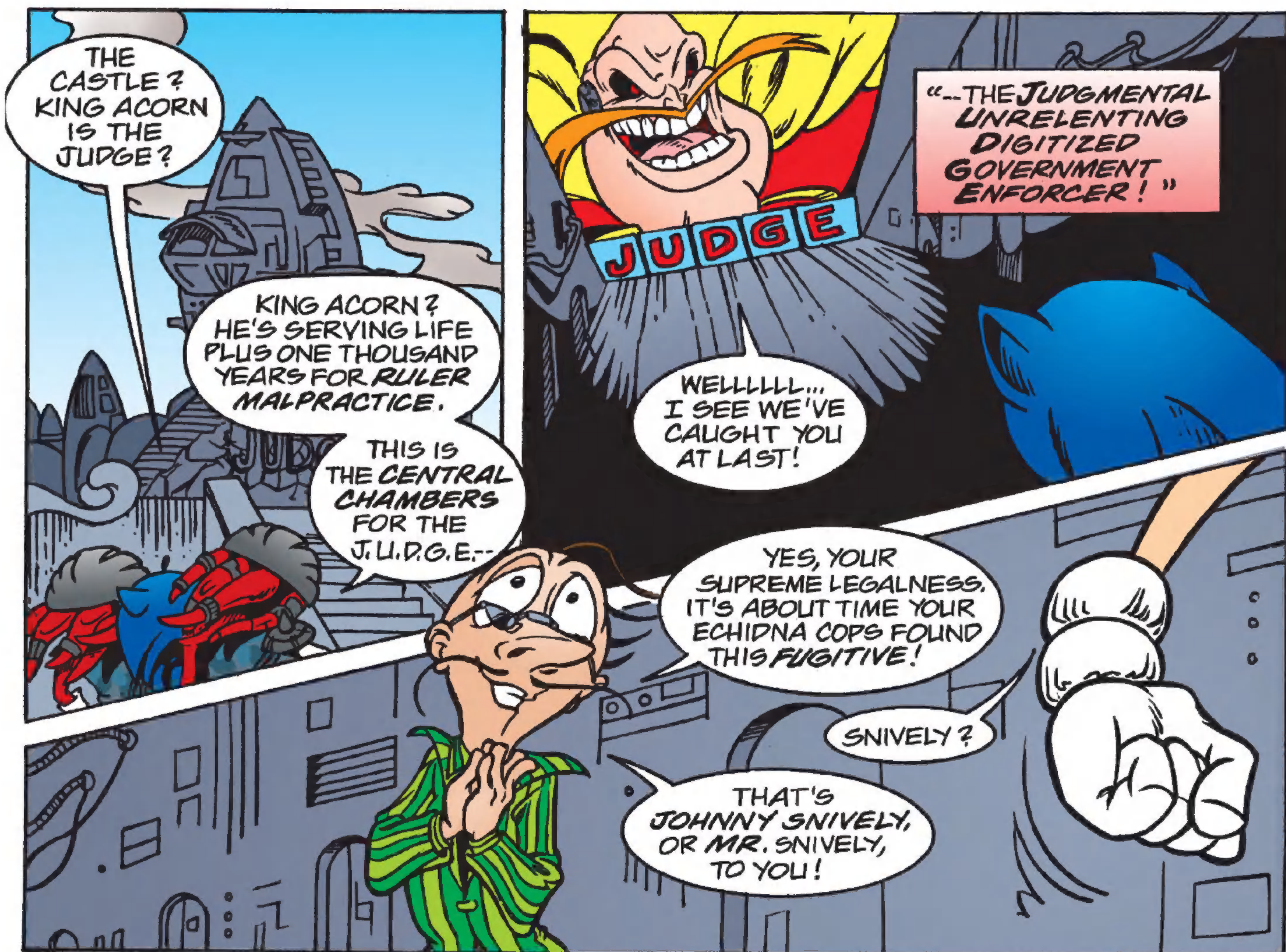
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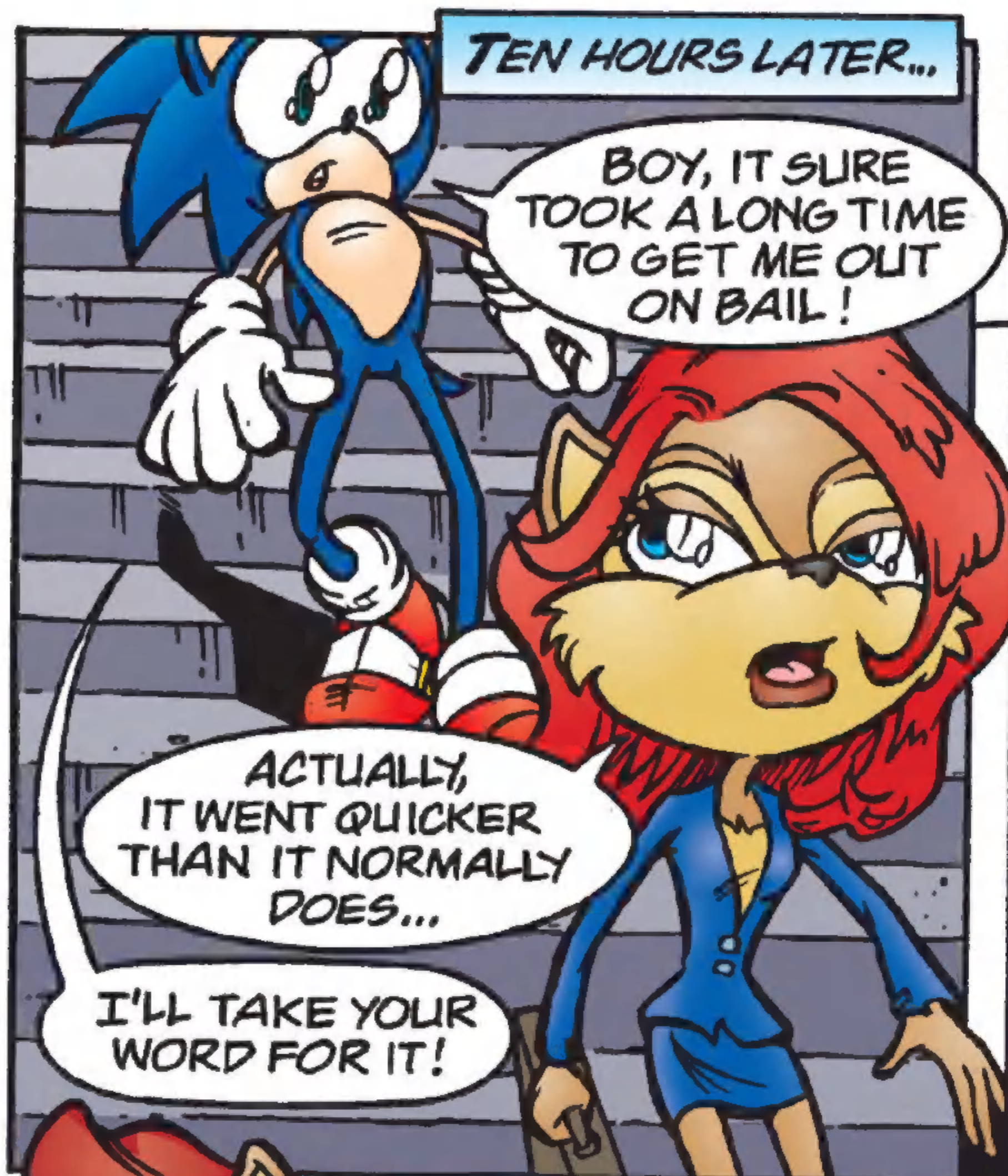










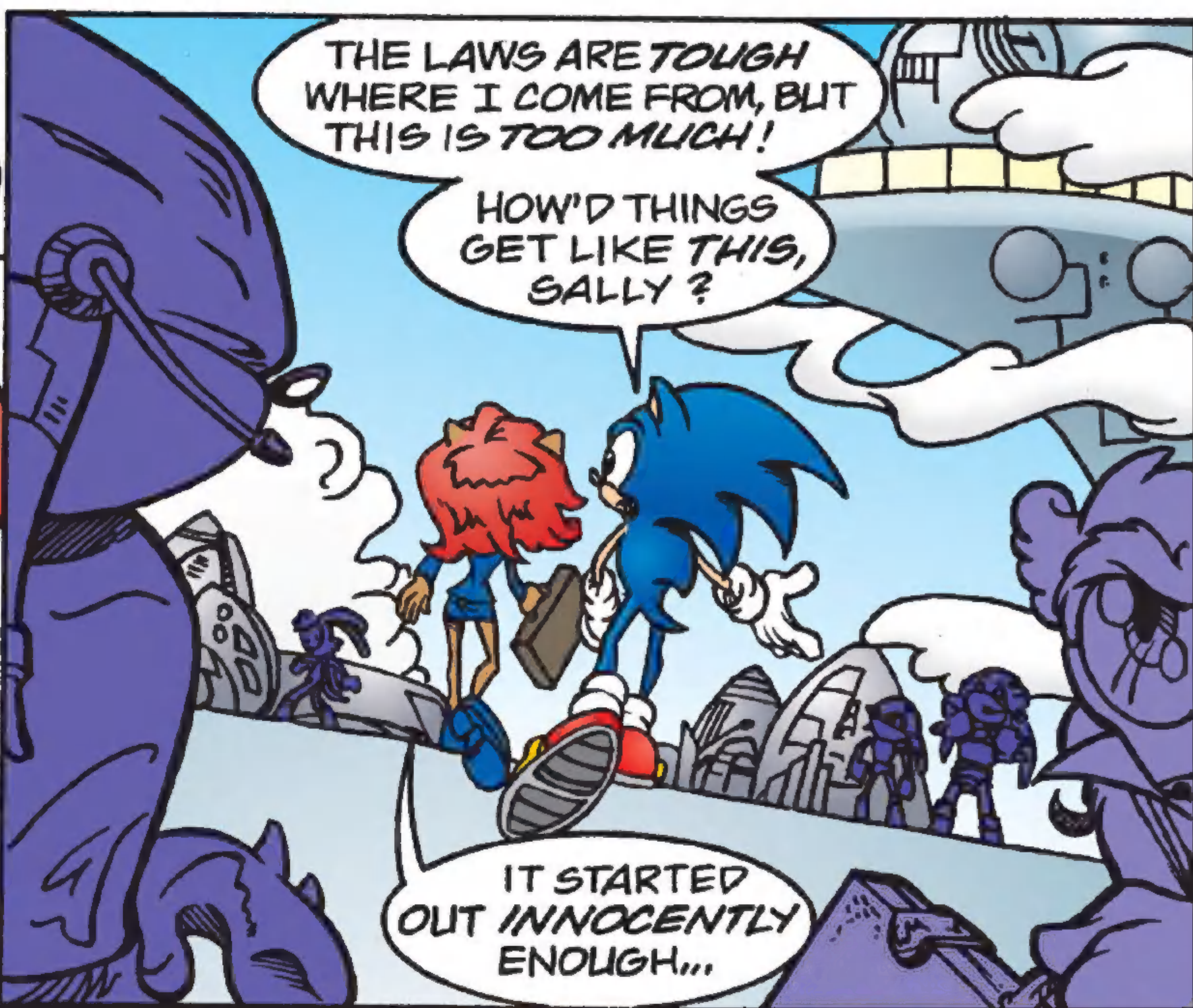


TEN HOURS LATER...

BOY, IT SURE TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET ME OUT ON BAIL!

ACTUALLY, IT WENT QUICKER THAN IT NORMALLY DOES...

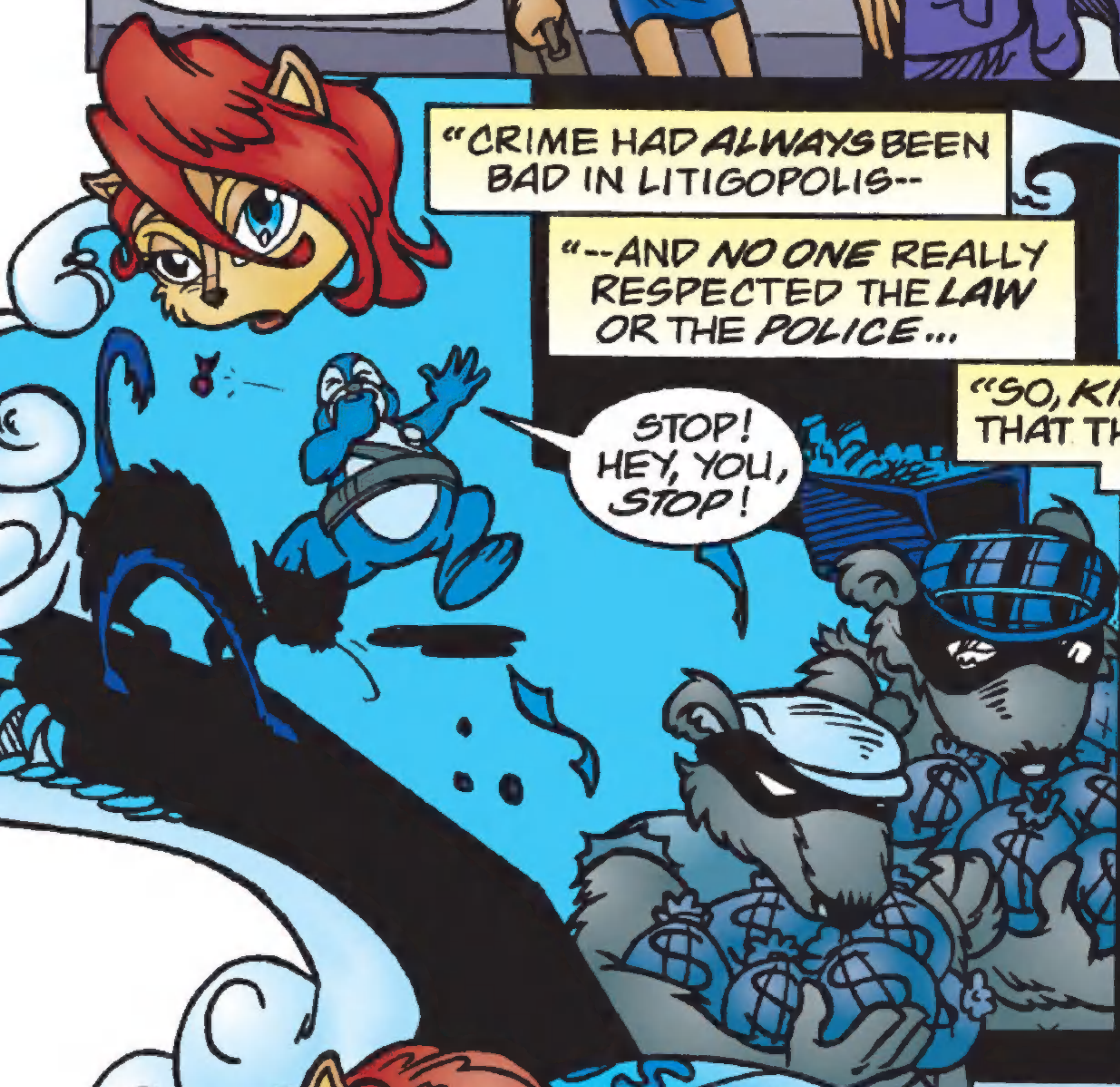
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!



THE LAWS ARE TOUGH WHERE I COME FROM, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!

HOW'D THINGS GET LIKE THIS, SALLY?

IT STARTED OUT INNOCENTLY ENOUGH...

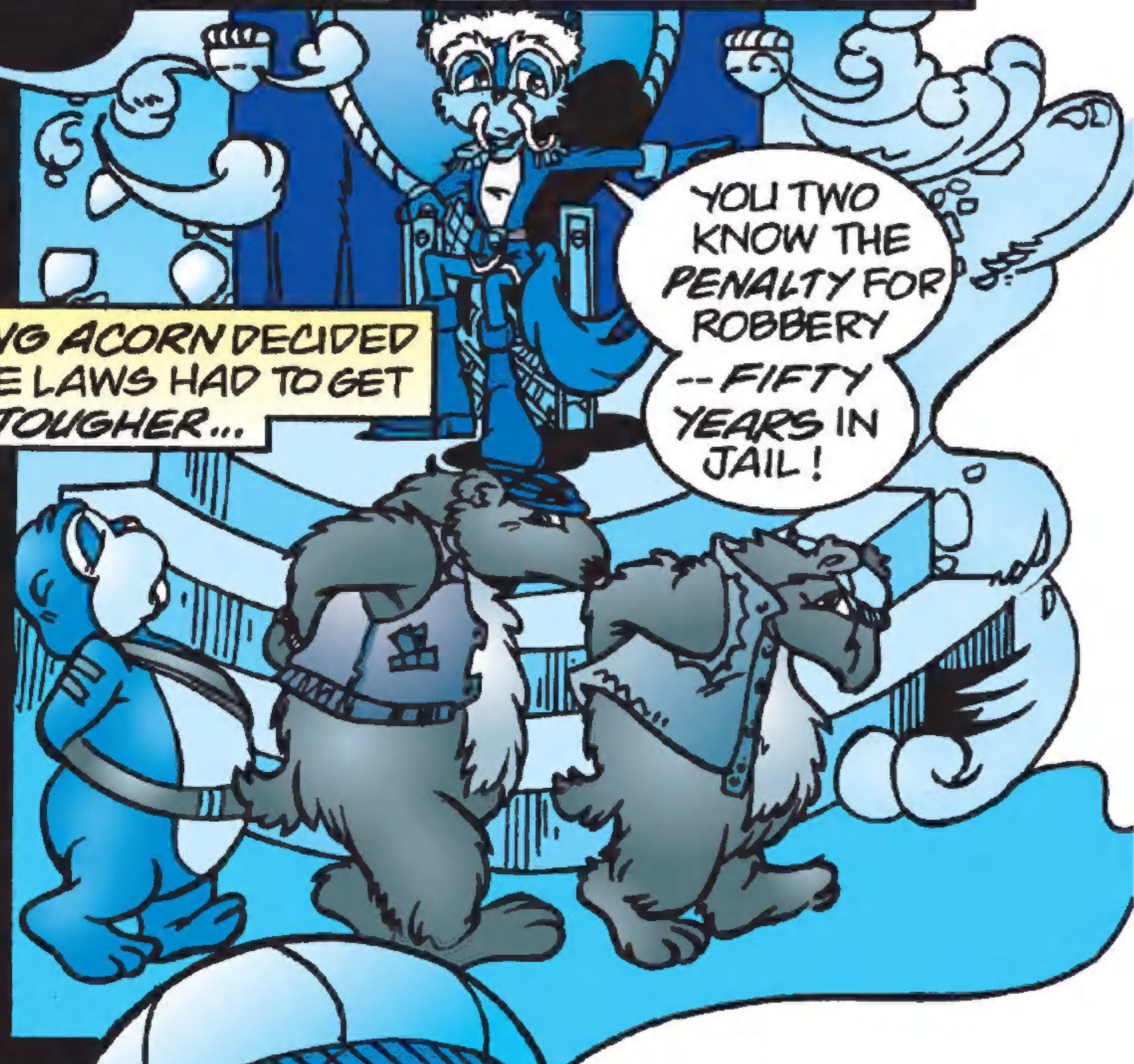


"CRIME HAD ALWAYS BEEN BAD IN LITIGOPOLIS--

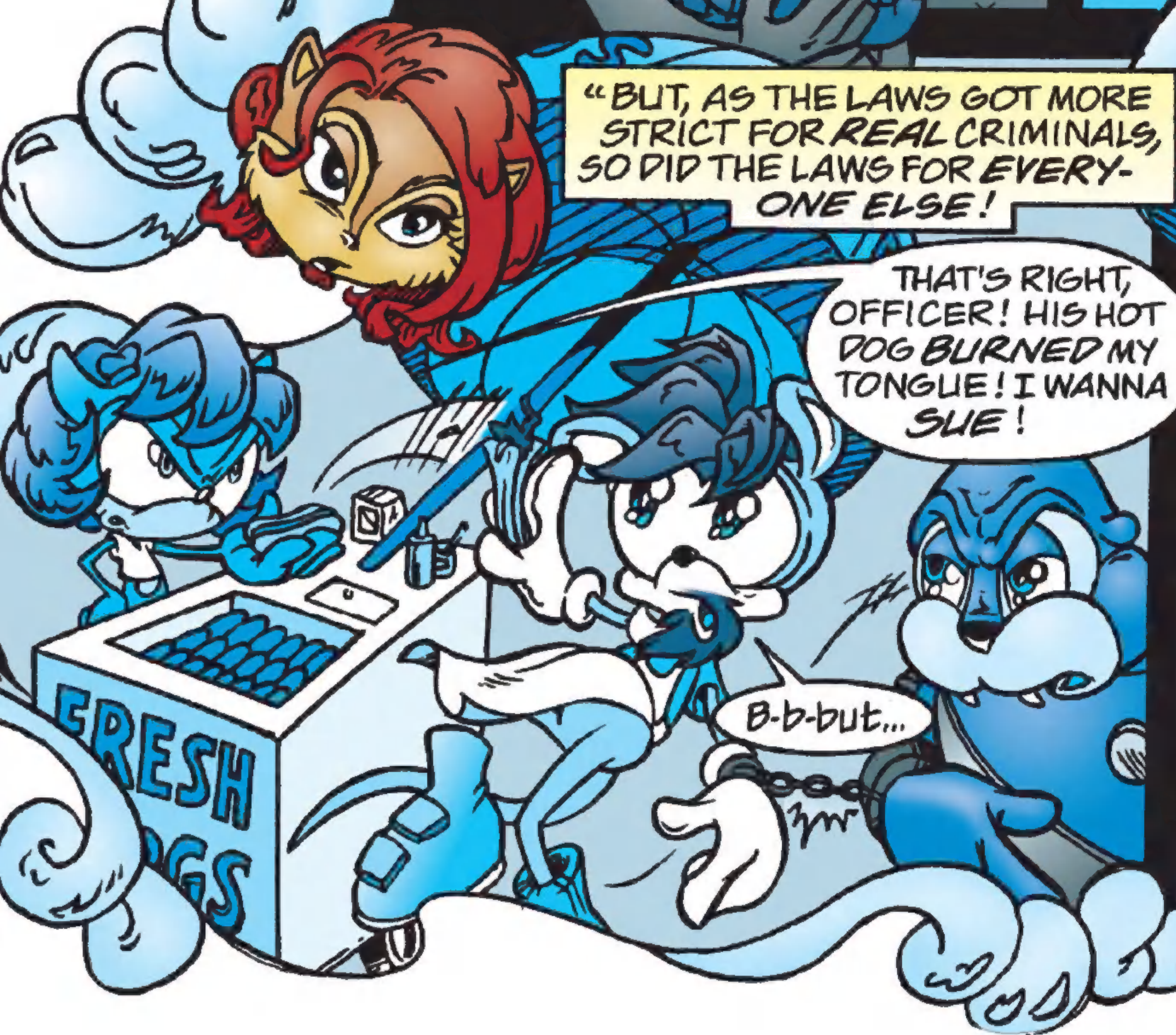
--AND NO ONE REALLY RESPECTED THE LAW OR THE POLICE...

STOP! HEY, YOU, STOP!

"SO, KING ACORN DECIDED THAT THE LAWS HAD TO GET TOUGHER...



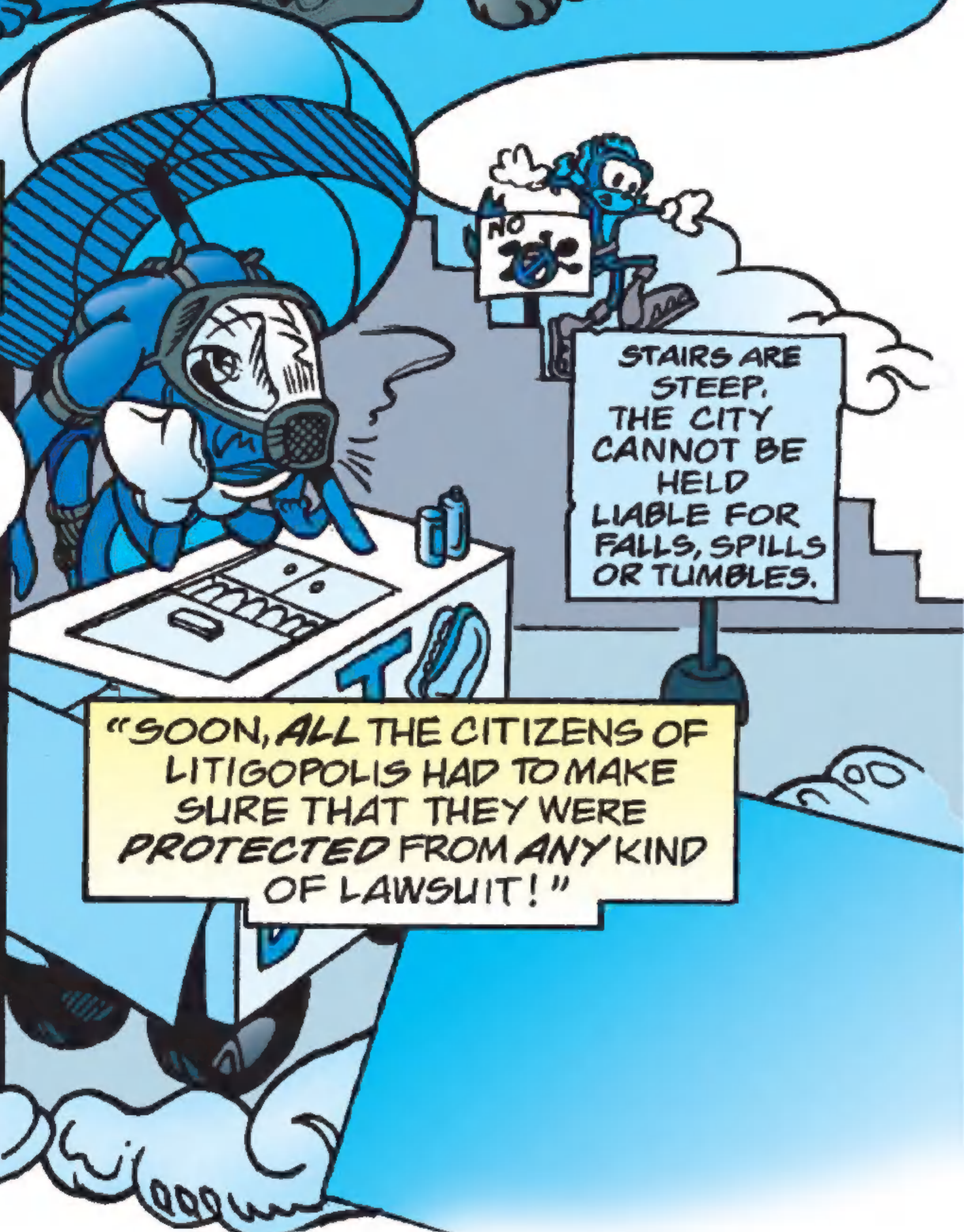
YOU TWO KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ROBBERY -- FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL!



"BUT, AS THE LAWS GOT MORE STRICT FOR REAL CRIMINALS, SO DID THE LAWS FOR EVERY-ONE ELSE!

THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER! HIS HOT DOG BURNED MY TONGUE! I WANNA SUE!

B-b-but...



"SOON, ALL THE CITIZENS OF LITIGOPOLIS HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE PROTECTED FROM ANY KIND OF LAWSUIT!"



"EVENTUALLY, KING ACORN HIRED  
ROBOTNIK ENTERPRISES  
TO BUILD THE J.U.D.G.E.--

--A SUPER-COMPUTER SPECIFICALLY  
DESIGNED TO ENFORCE ALL THE NEW LAWS  
AND KEEP UP WITH ALL THE LAWSUITS...

"BUT, ONCE THE J.U.D.G.E. WAS  
BROUGHT ON LINE, HE TOOK OVER  
THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY!

"BEFORE ANYONE COULD STOP IT,  
ALL THE POLICE WERE REPLACED  
WITH ECHIDNA TROOPERS--

"--AND PUT KING ACORN IN JAIL FOR NOT BEING  
ABLE TO LOWER THE CRIME RATE SOONER!"

NOW THINGS HAVE  
GOTTEN SO STRICT, THAT SOME  
PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LEAVE  
THEIR HOUSES!

THEY'RE JUST TOO  
AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WILL  
SUE THEM, OR THEY'LL BREAK  
ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S  
NEW LAWS!

IF THINGS ARE  
SO BAD, WHY HASN'T  
ANYONE TRIED TO  
TURN THE J.U.D.G.E.  
OFF?

EVERYONE'S TOO  
SCARED OF THE ECHIDNA  
COPS AND WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO THEM IF THEY  
GET CAUGHT!

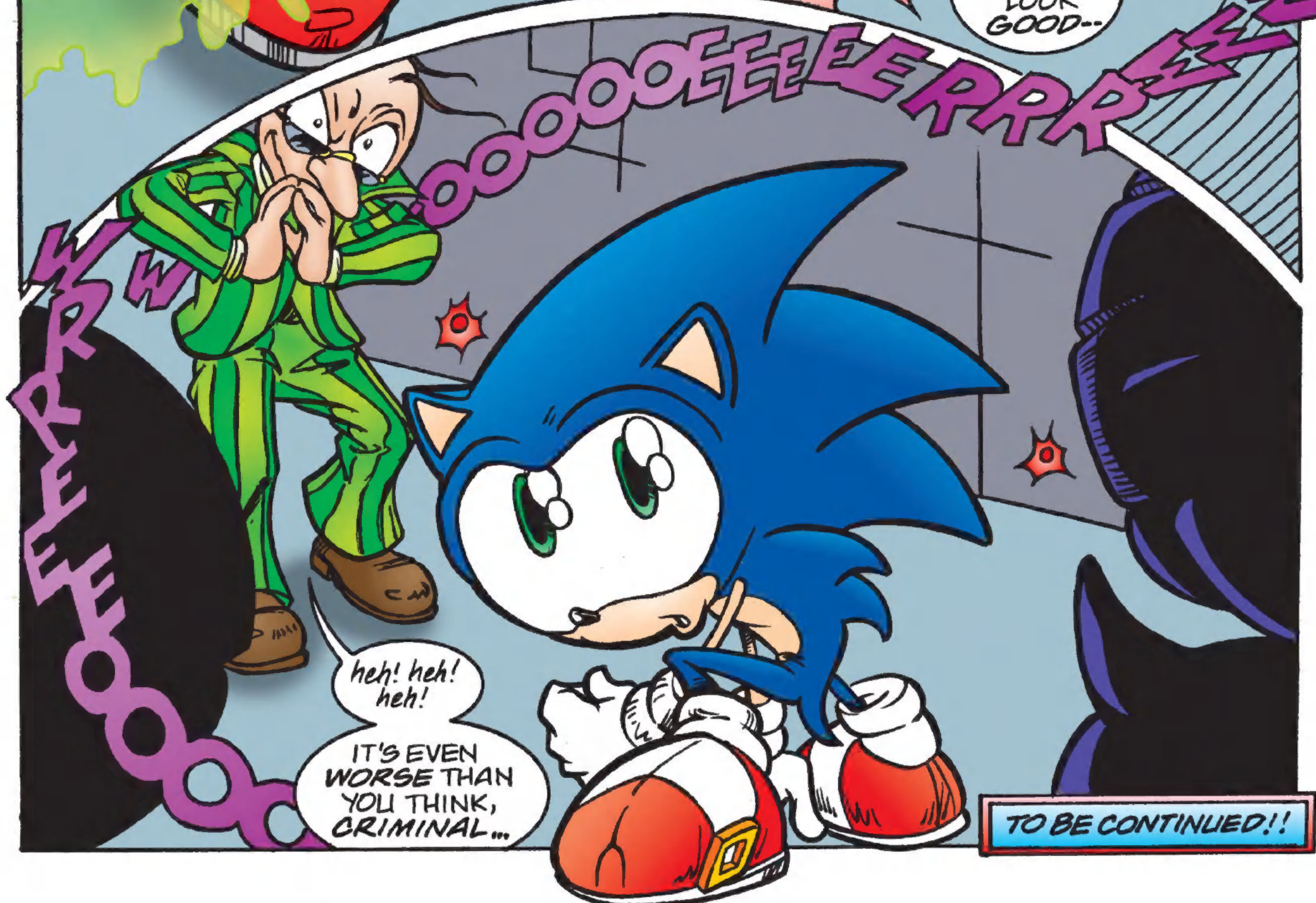
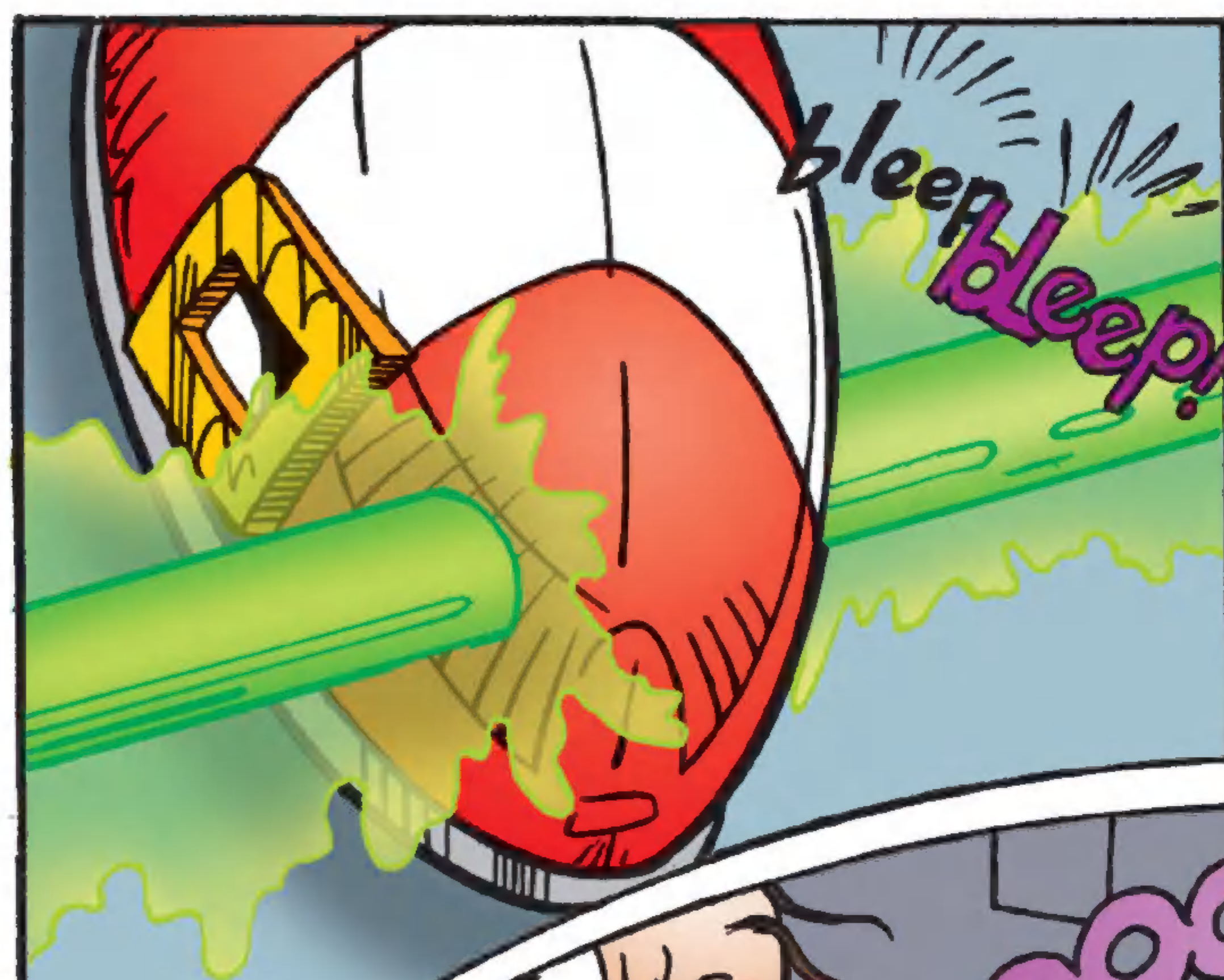
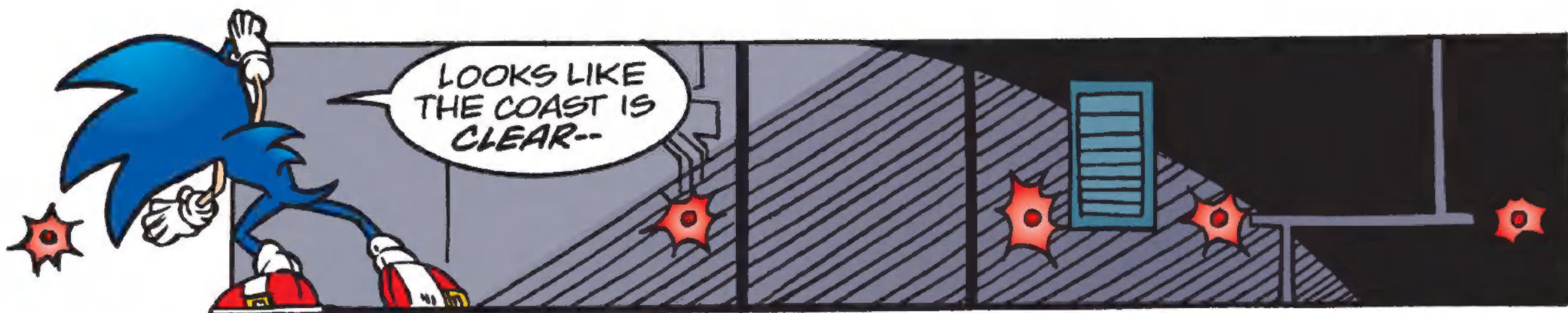
THERE JUST ISN'T  
ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH IN  
LITIGOPOLIS TO DO IT!

WELL,  
THEN--

--I GUESS  
IT'S UP TO  
ME!

NO, SONIC!  
**WAIT!**







# LAW OF THE LAND

PART TWO

**BAD BOYS,  
BAD BOYS...  
WHATCHA  
GONNA DO?**

"STOP HIM! STOP..."

**SONIC**

THE HEDGEHOG

"THIS WHOLE THING IS  
ONE BIG *MISTAKE*!"

"I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN *COMMIT*  
THE CRIME THOSE TWO *ECHIDNA*  
*COPS* GRABBED ME FOR!"

THIS IS  
BAD--

--VERY  
BAD!

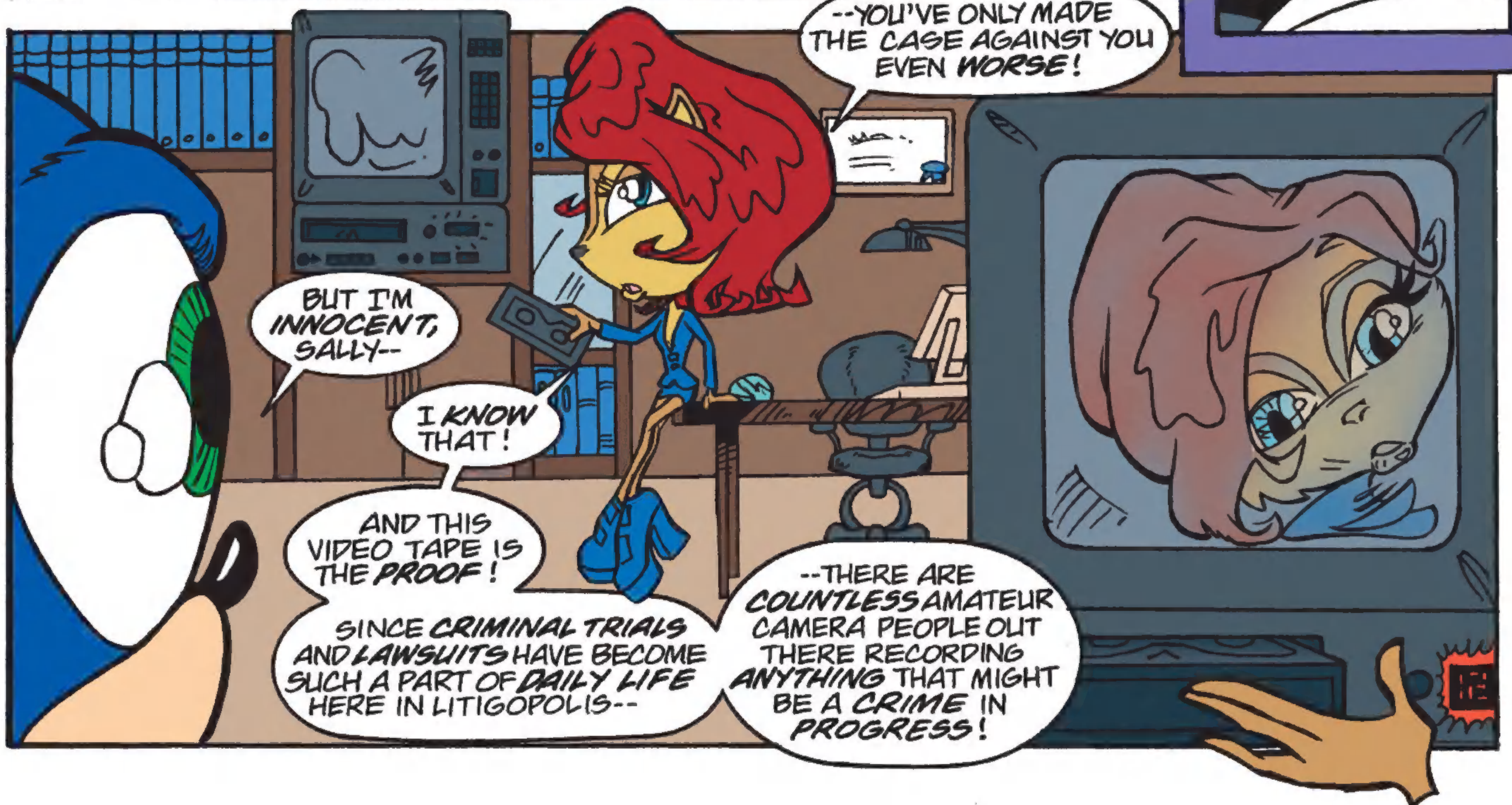
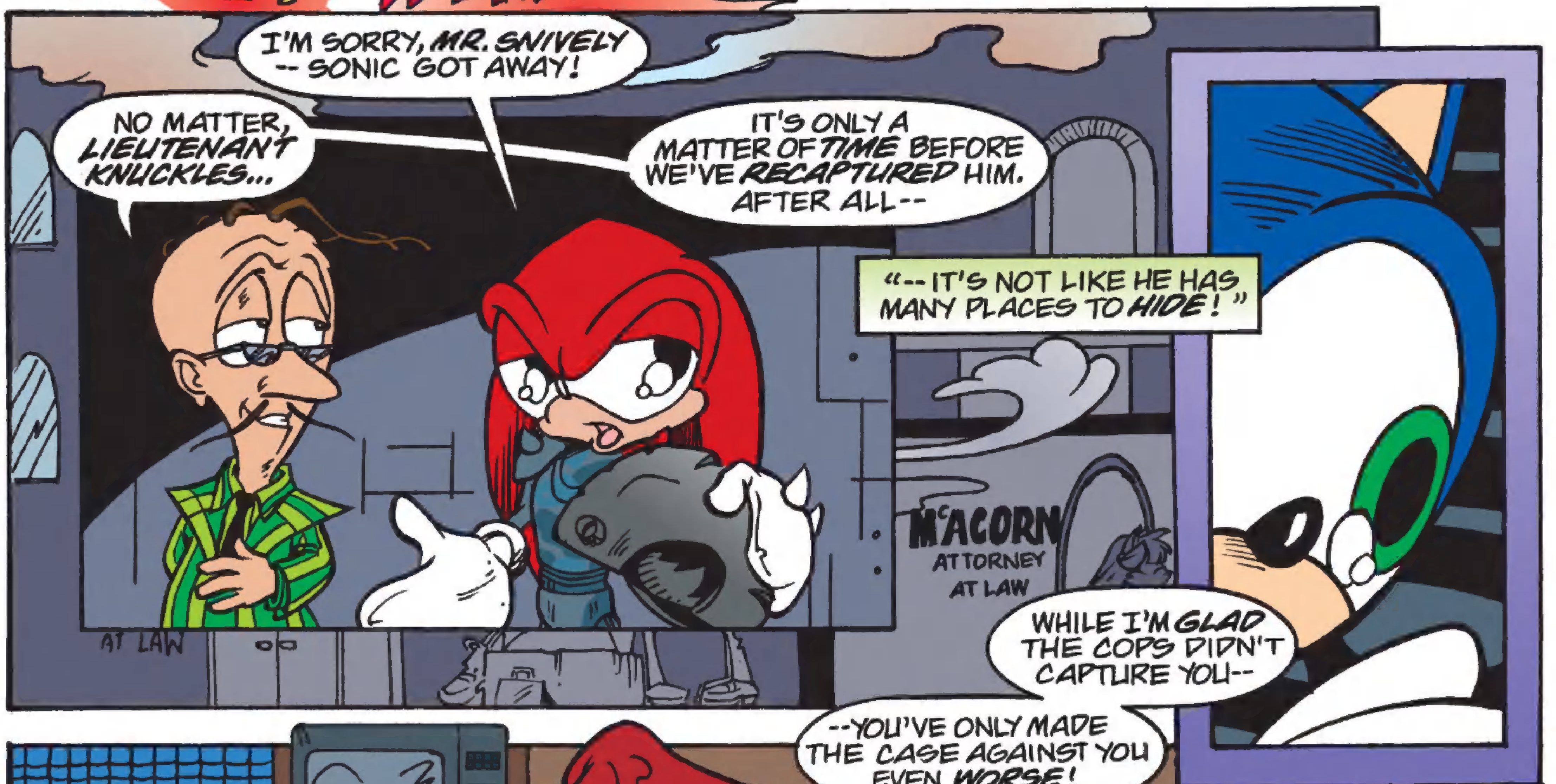
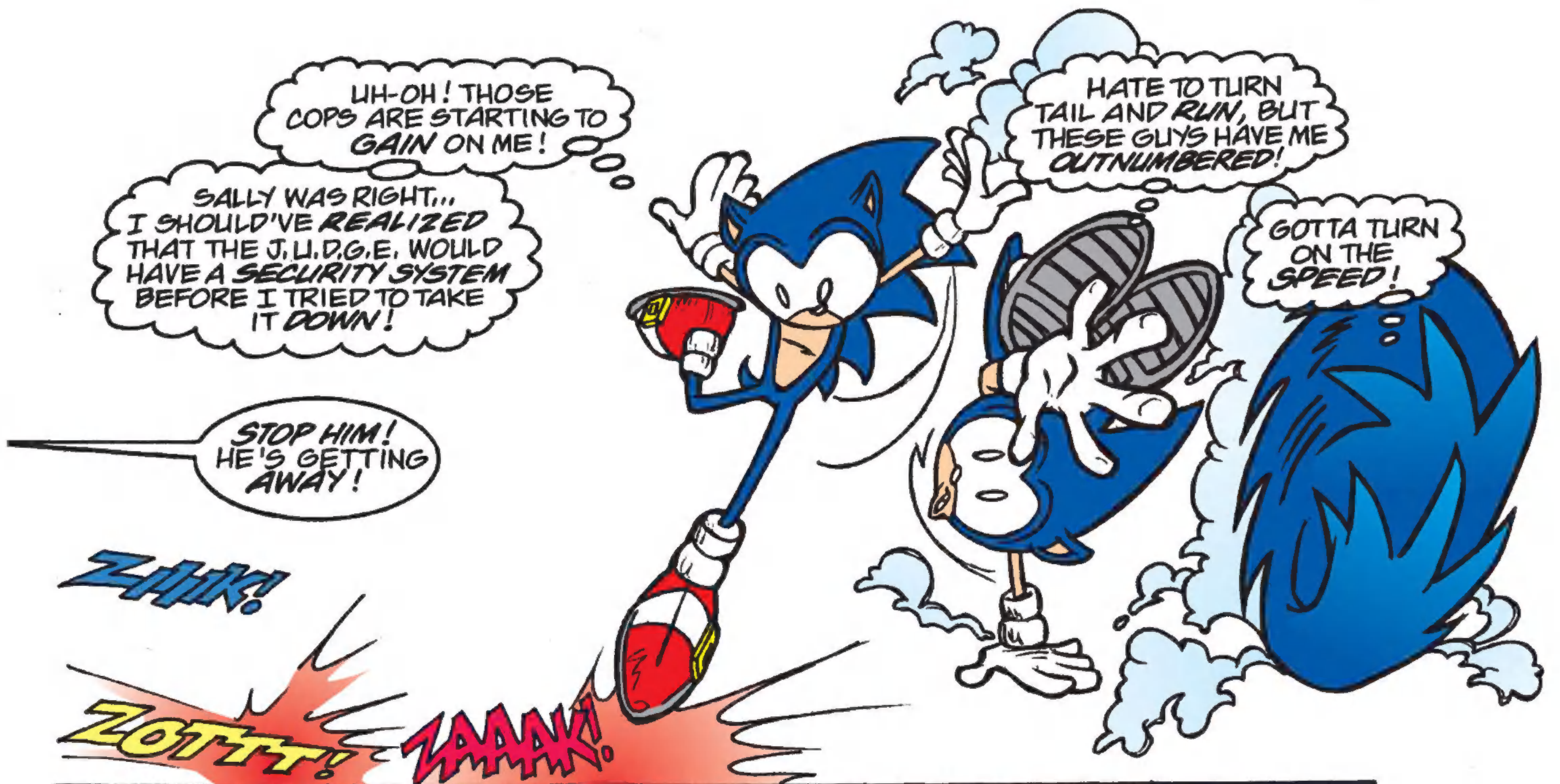
"BUT THAT DIDN'T  
MATTER TO THEM. THEY  
JUST *DROGGED* ME  
HERE TO THE ZONE  
OF *LITIGOPOLIS*--

"-- WHERE THE  
*J.U.D.G.E.*  
COMPUTER  
RULES INSTEAD  
OF KING  
ACORN!"

"NOW THE ONLY  
*FRIEND* I  
HAVE HERE IS  
MY LAWYER,  
*SALLY*  
*McACORN*--

"--BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO  
*AFRAID* THEY'LL GET *SUED* OR  
*BREAK* ONE OF THE *J.U.D.G.E.*'S  
UNFAIR LAWS!"









THAT'S EVIL SONIC!

THAT BUM! SOME WAS THE ONE WHO DID THE CRIMES I WAS ARRESTED FOR!

HE ESCAPED THROUGH A ZONE PORTAL THAT CLOSED UP BEHIND HIM. IT TOOK SOME TIME BUT J.U.D.G.E. RECREATED IT AND--

--THEY CAUGHT UP WITH ME INSTEAD!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A CLEAR CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY!

AND THIS NEW EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE CLEARED YOUR NAME--

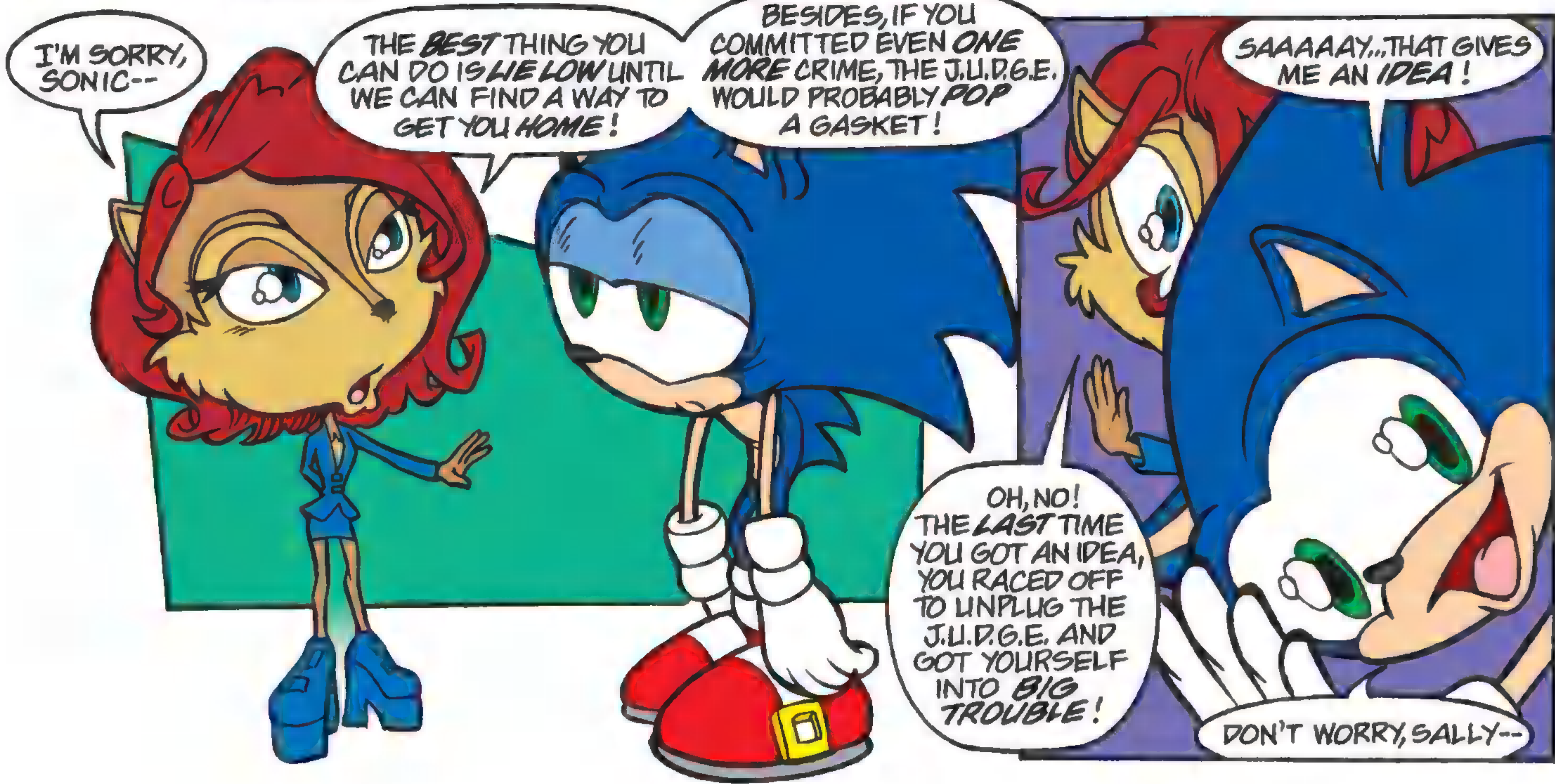


--IF YOU HADN'T TRIED TO INVADGE THE J.U.D.G.E.'S CHAMBERS!



NOW YOU'LL BE TRIED FOR HIGH TREASON!

BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!



I'M SORRY, SONIC--

THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS LIE LOW UNTIL WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET YOU HOME!

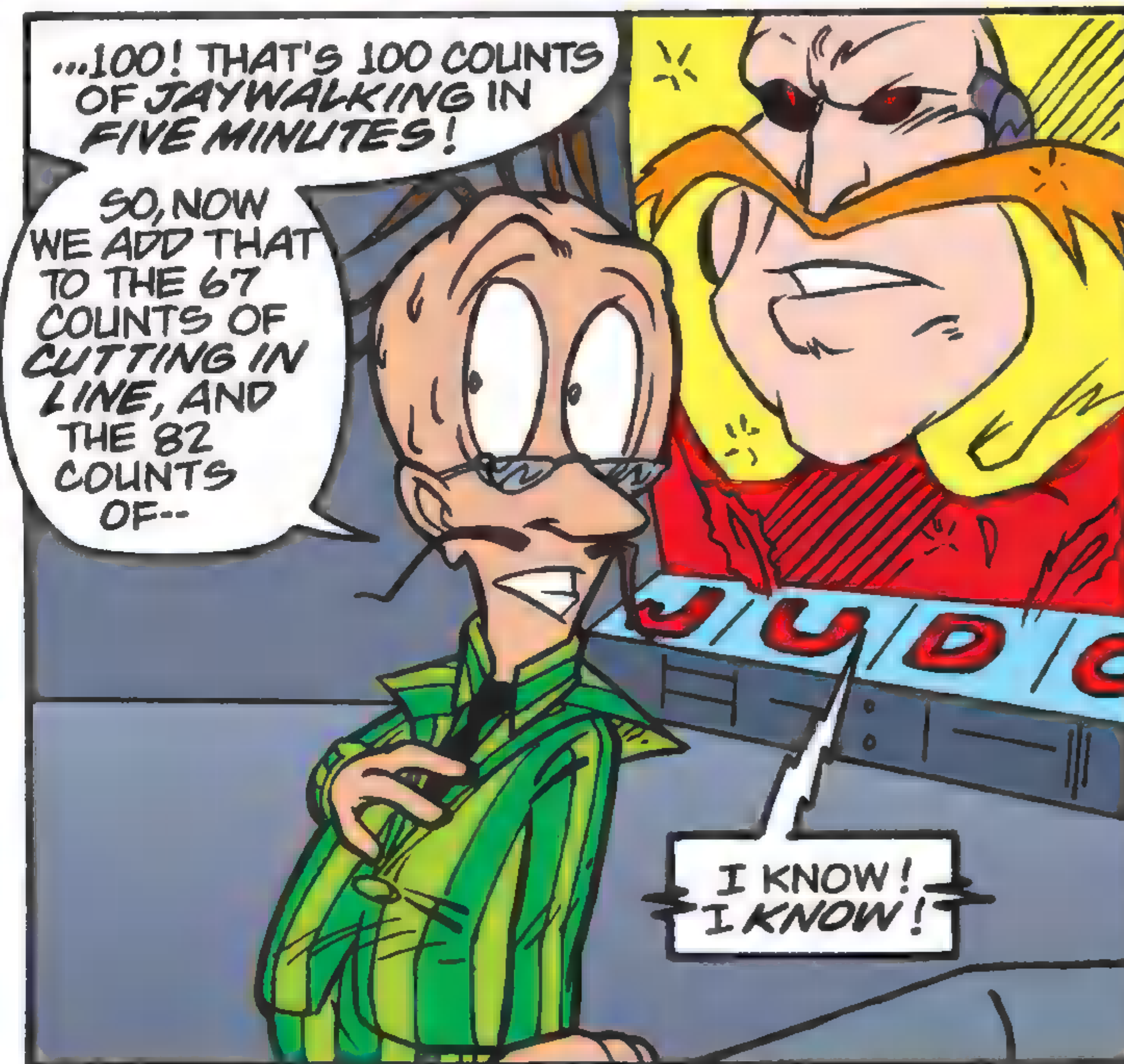
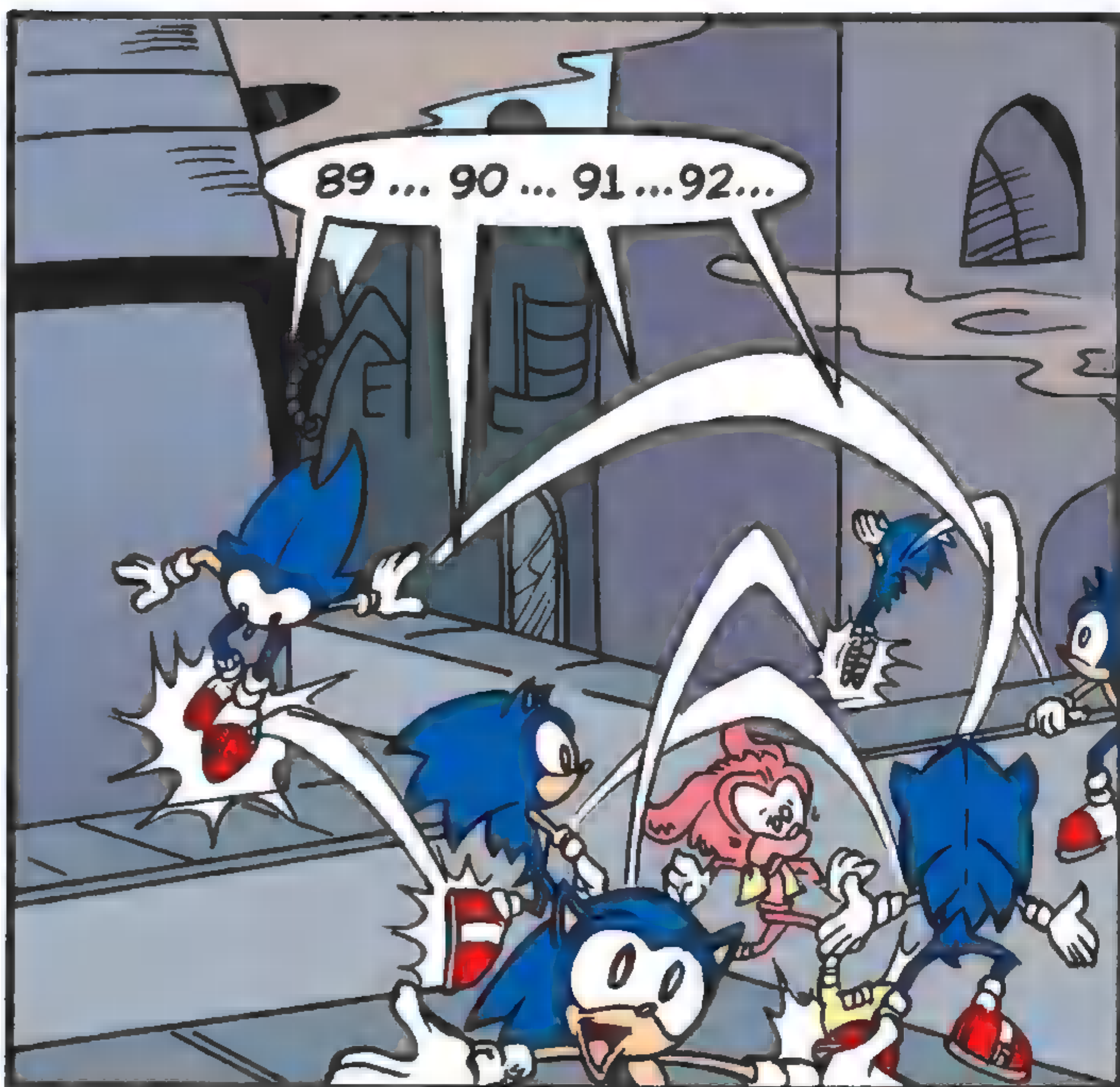
BESIDES, IF YOU COMMITTED EVEN ONE MORE CRIME, THE J.U.D.G.E. WOULD PROBABLY POP A GASKET!

SAAAAAY... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

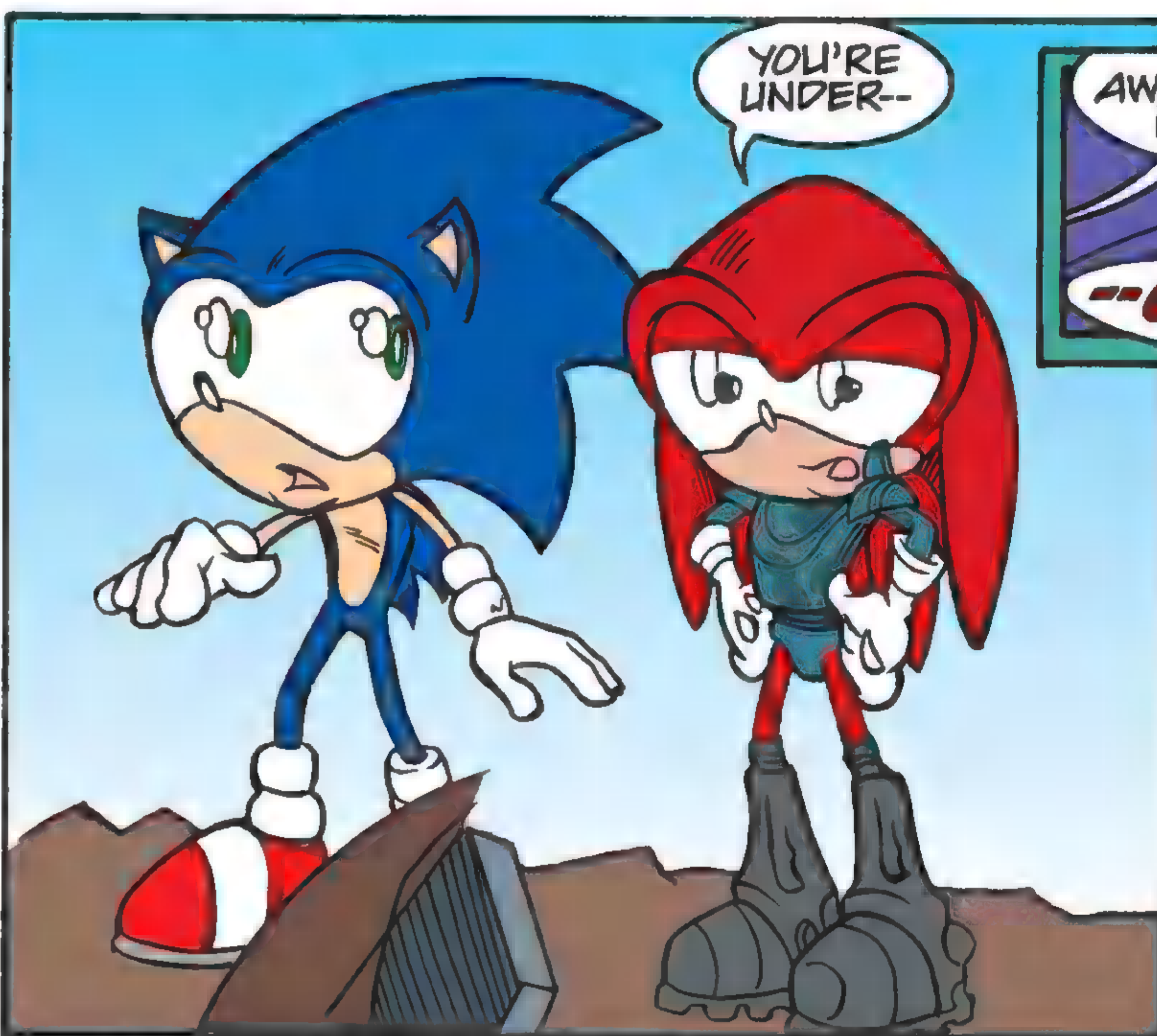
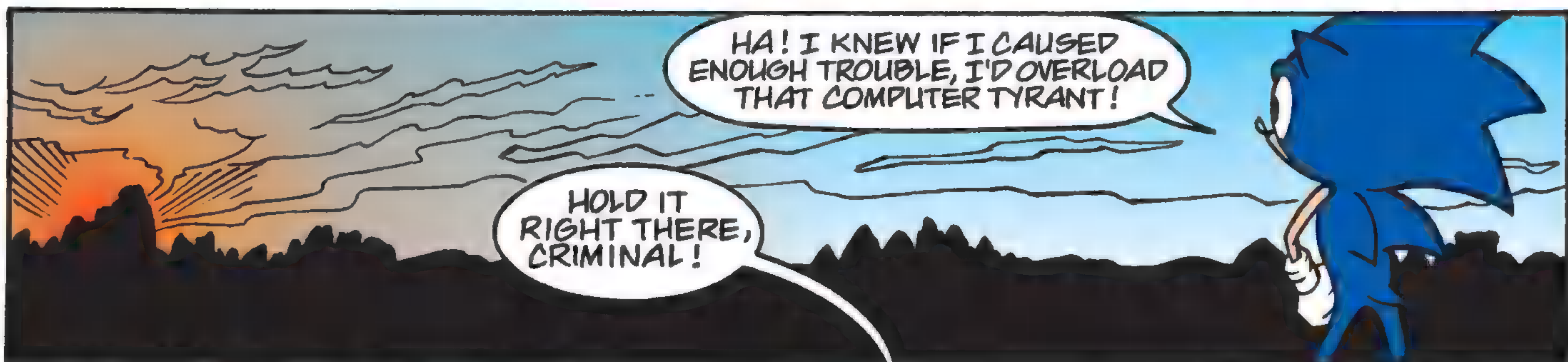
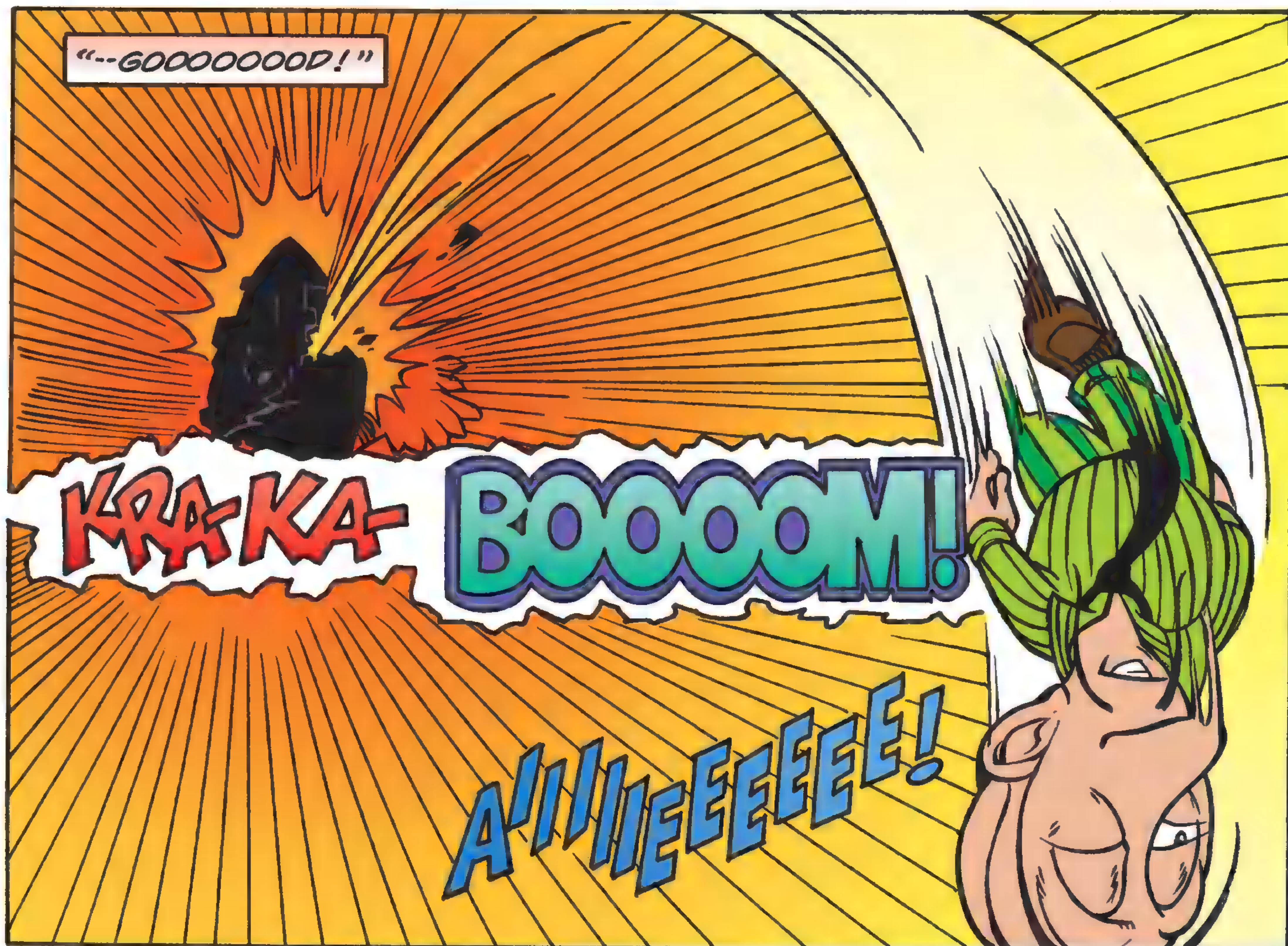
OH, NO! THE LAST TIME YOU GOT AN IDEA, YOU RACED OFF TO UNPLUG THE J.U.D.G.E. AND GOT YOURSELF INTO BIG TROUBLE!

DON'T WORRY, SALLY--

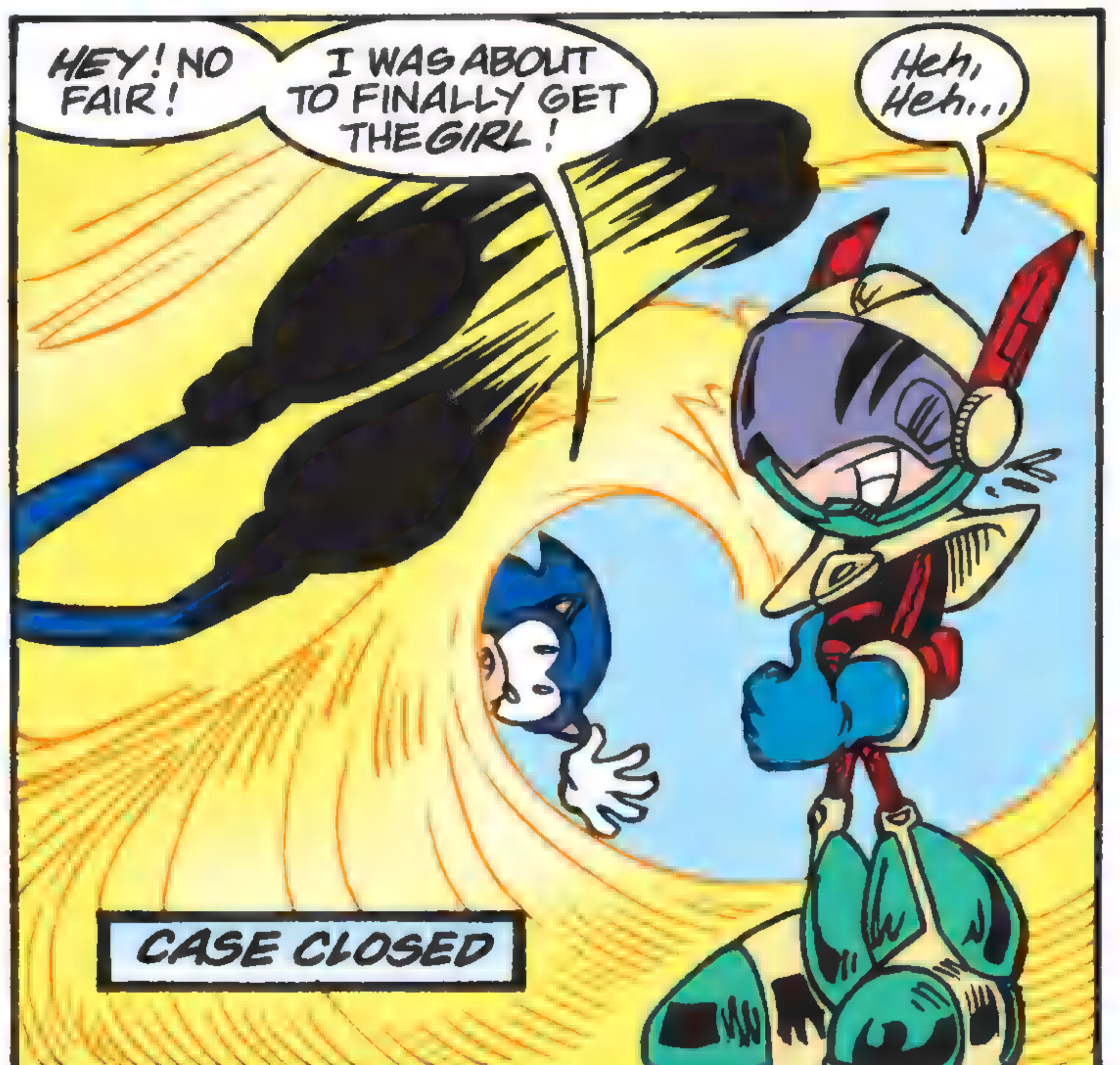
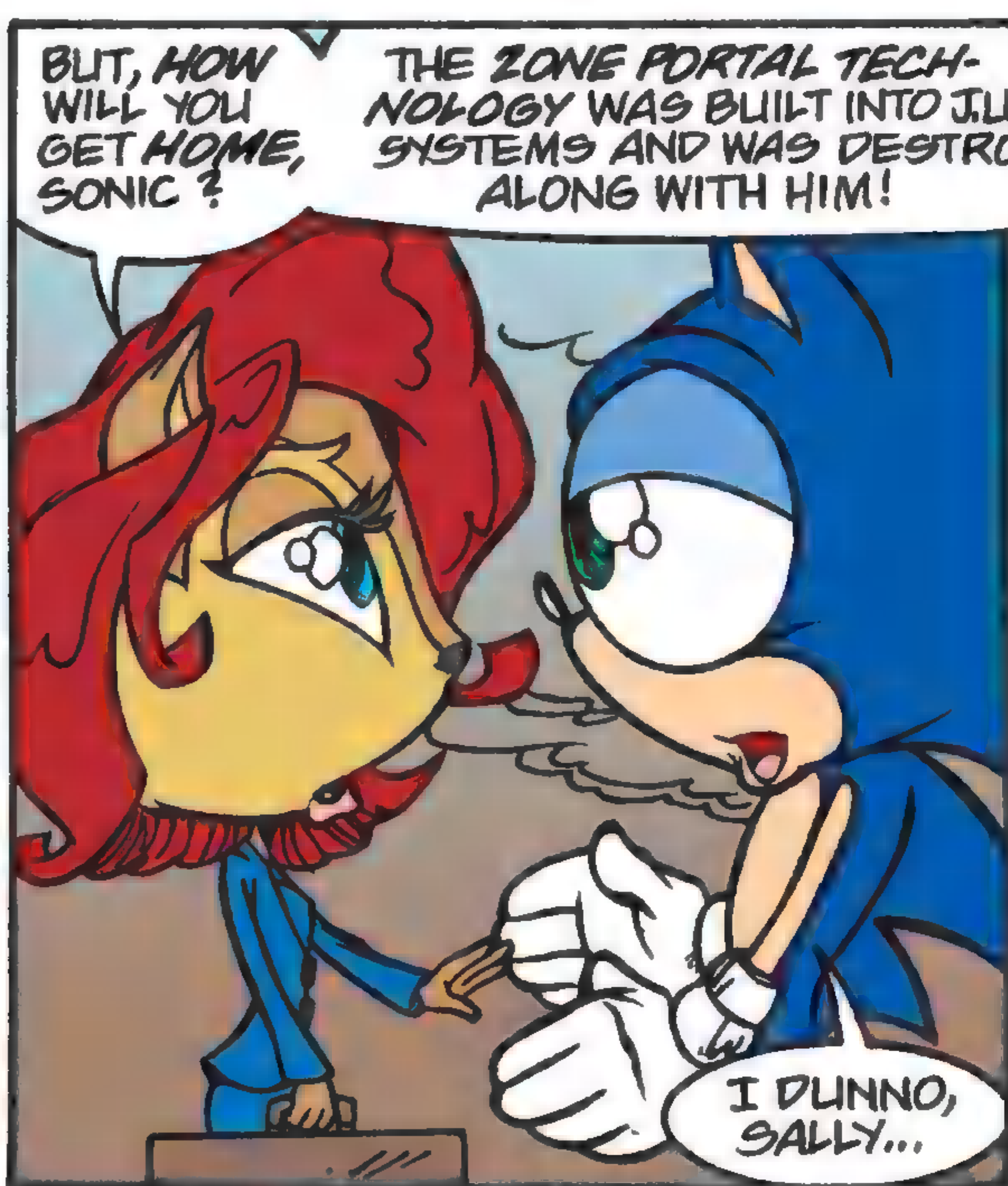
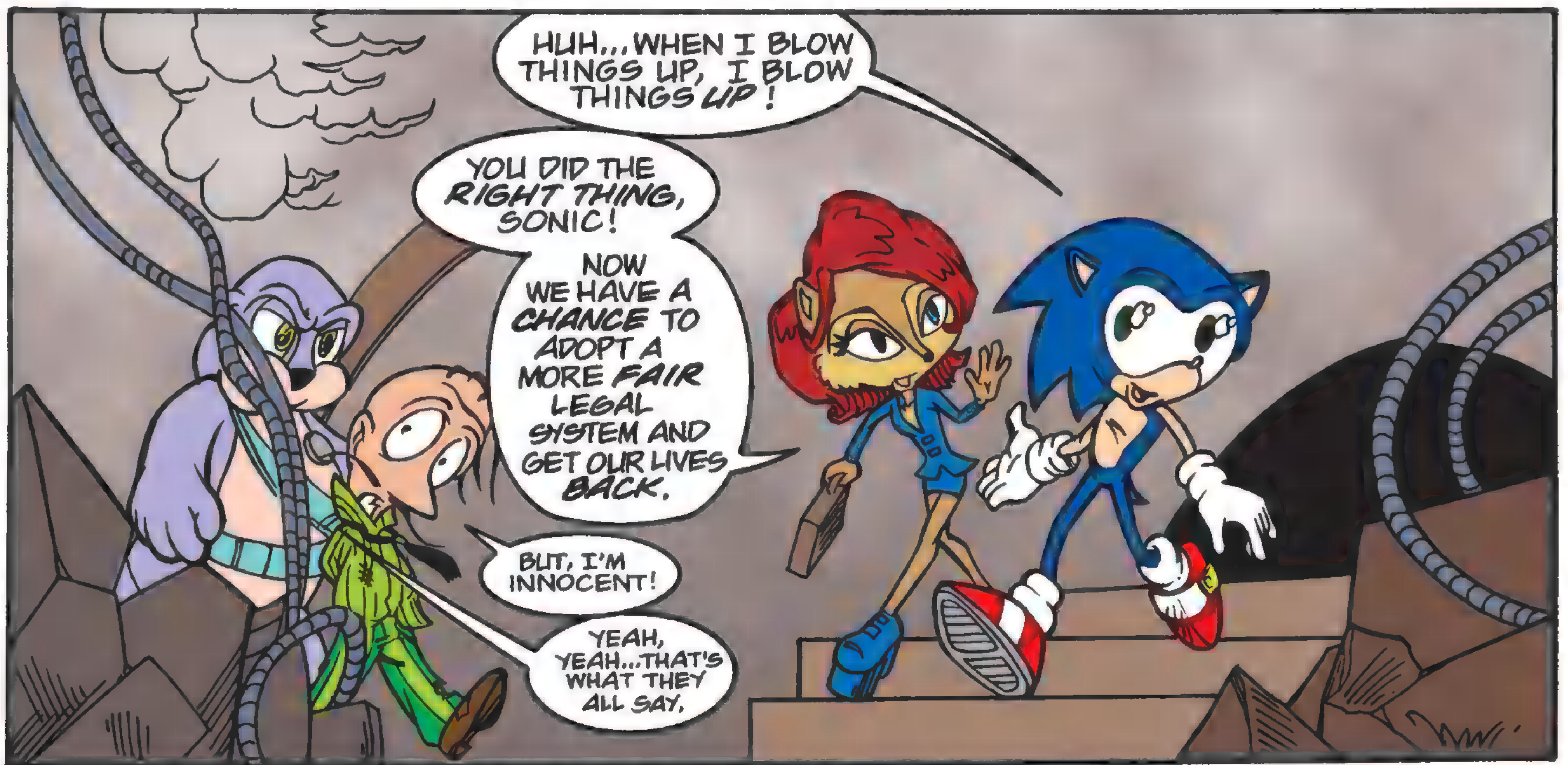




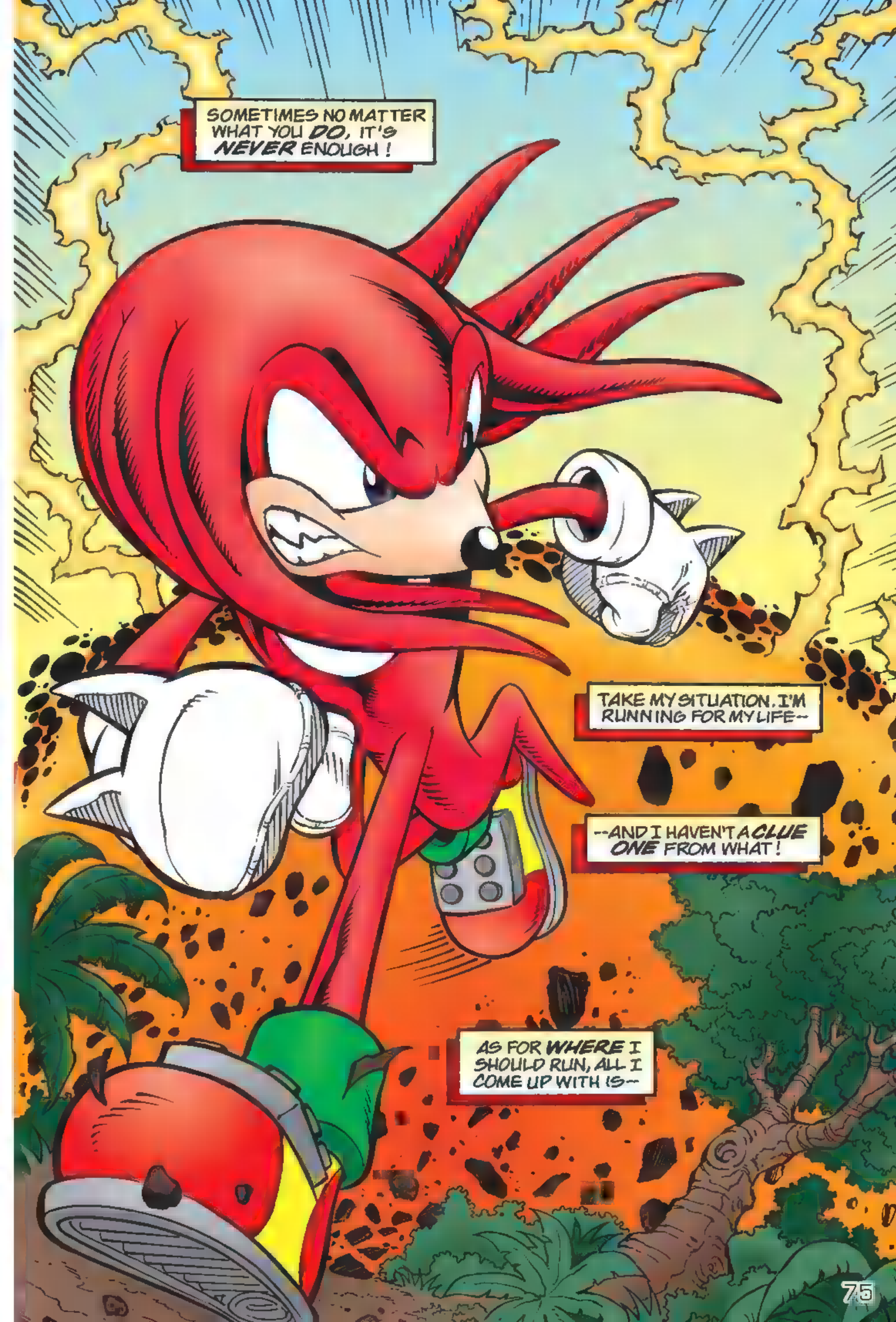












SOMETIMES NO MATTER  
WHAT YOU *DO*, IT'S  
*NEVER* ENOUGH!

TAKE MY SITUATION. I'M  
RUNNING FOR MY LIFE--

--AND I HAVEN'T A *CLUE*  
*ONE* FROM WHAT!

AS FOR *WHERE* I  
SHOULD RUN, ALL I  
COME UP WITH IS--



-- IS ANYWHERE  
**BUT HERE!**

I'M  
RUNNING OUT  
OF FLOORSPACE--  
**FAST!**

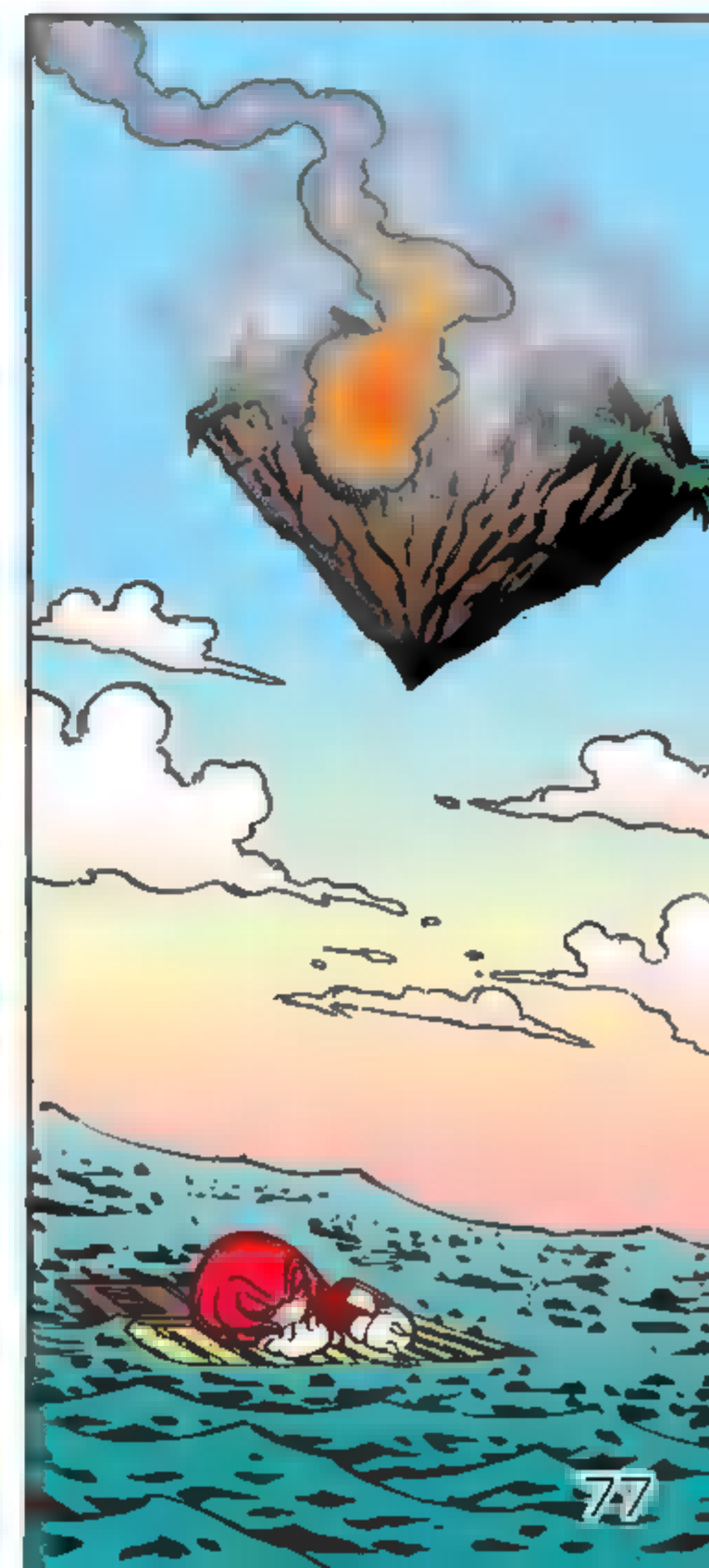
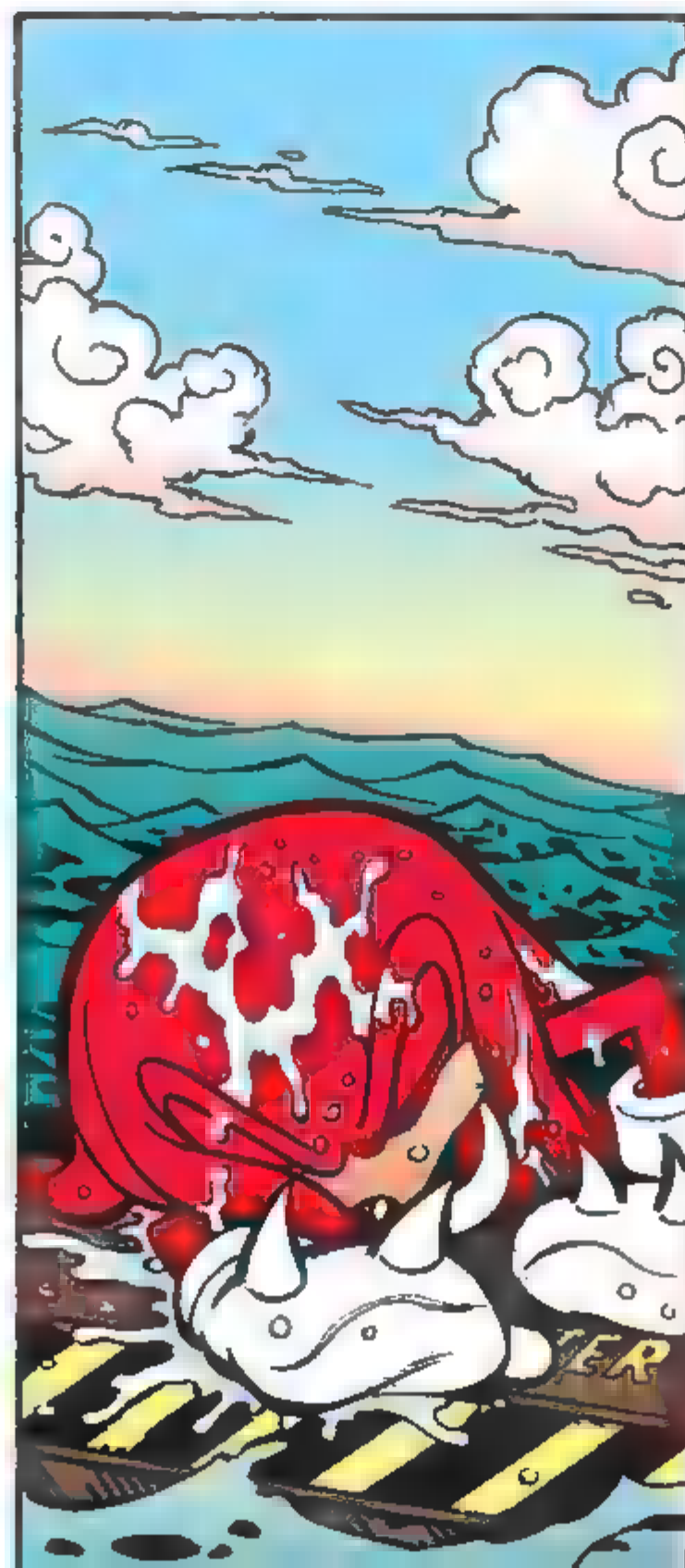
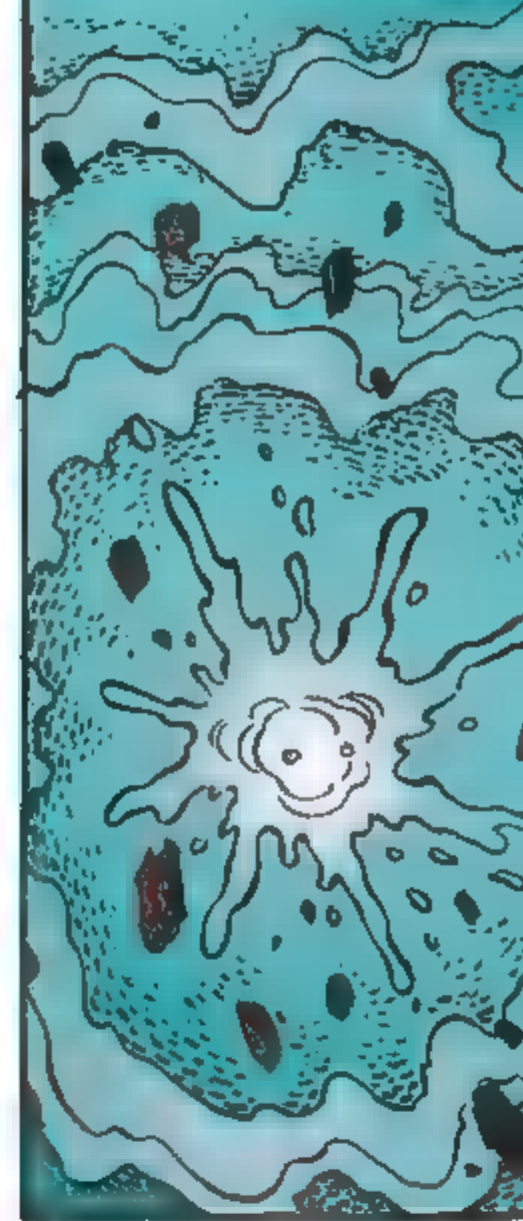
IT  
FIGURES!  
WE'RE  
OVER AN  
OCEAN!

HECKLVA  
CHOICE--GET  
ZAPPED OR  
DROWN!

GUESS I HAVE  
TO TAKE MY  
**CHANCES!**

**UGH!!**







I KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE THINKING.

HOW DID *YOURS*  
*TRULY* END UP  
IN THE SOUP  
LIKE THIS ?

HONEST ANSWER:  
I'M NOT SURE.


MAYBE IT BEGAN AT THE  
WEDDING OF MY MOM  
TO HER FIANCE *WYNNACHER*.

I NOW  
PRONOUNCE YOU  
*ECHIDNA* AND  
*SPOUSE*!

YOU MAY NOW  
KISS THE *BRIDE*,  
WYNNACHER!





The cover features a large illustration of Amy Rose in the foreground, looking over her shoulder with a slight smile. She has long red hair and is wearing a blue dress with a white collar and a red bow. In the background, a crowd of Sonic characters, including Knuckles, Tails, and others, are gathered behind a brick wall. The setting appears to be a garden or park with green trees and a blue sky with clouds. The title 'KNUCKLES' is written in large, stylized letters at the top, followed by 'THE ECHIDNA' and 'IN'. Below this, a yellow box contains the text 'BEST of times' and 'WORST OF TIMES'. At the bottom right, a small speech bubble contains a quote.

# KNUCKLES

## THE ECHIDNA

### IN

BEST of times  
WORST OF TIMES

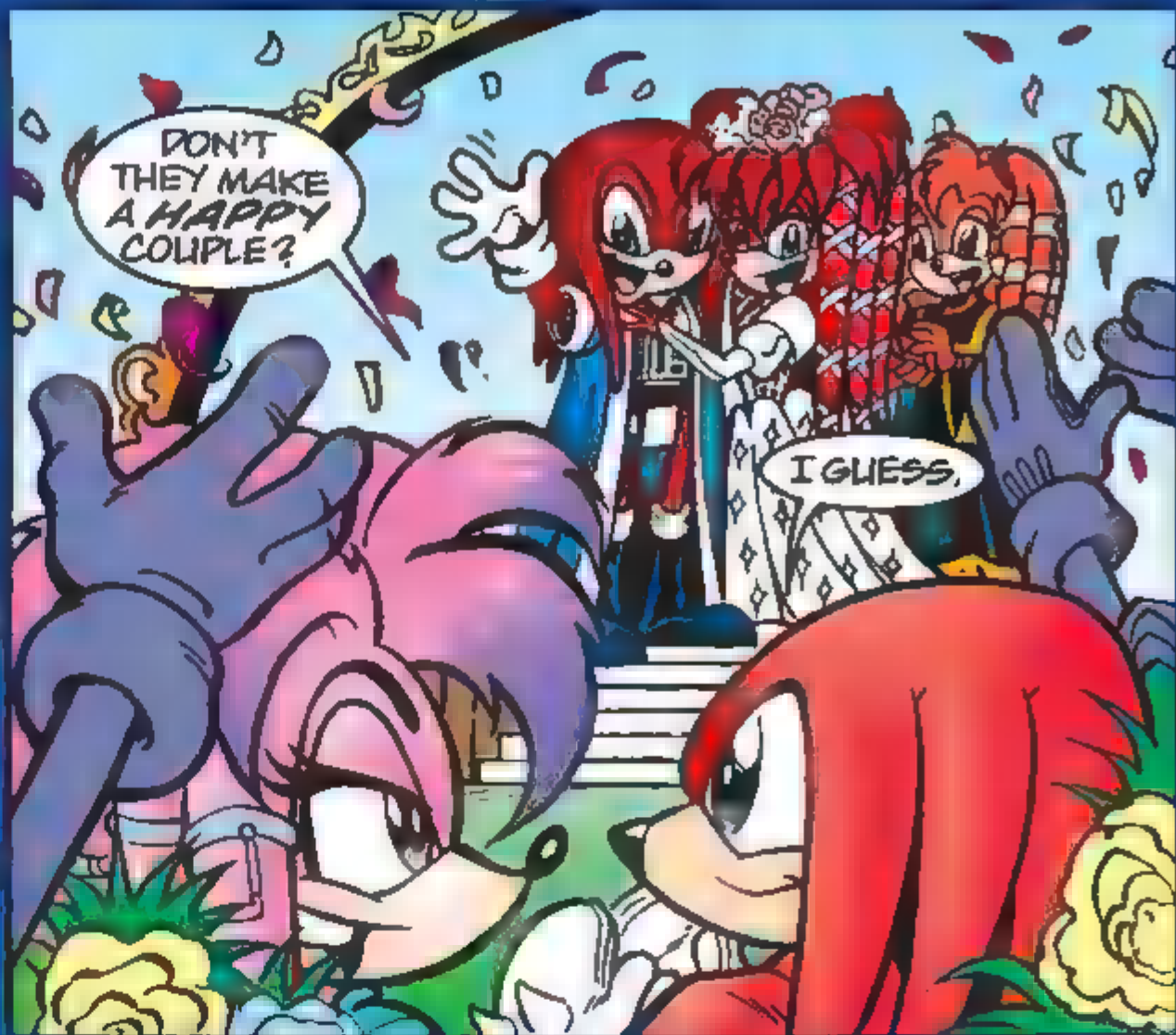
## CHAPTER 1

DAD AND I WEREN'T WILD  
OVER MOM REMARRYING,  
BUT WYN WASN'T A BAD GUY--



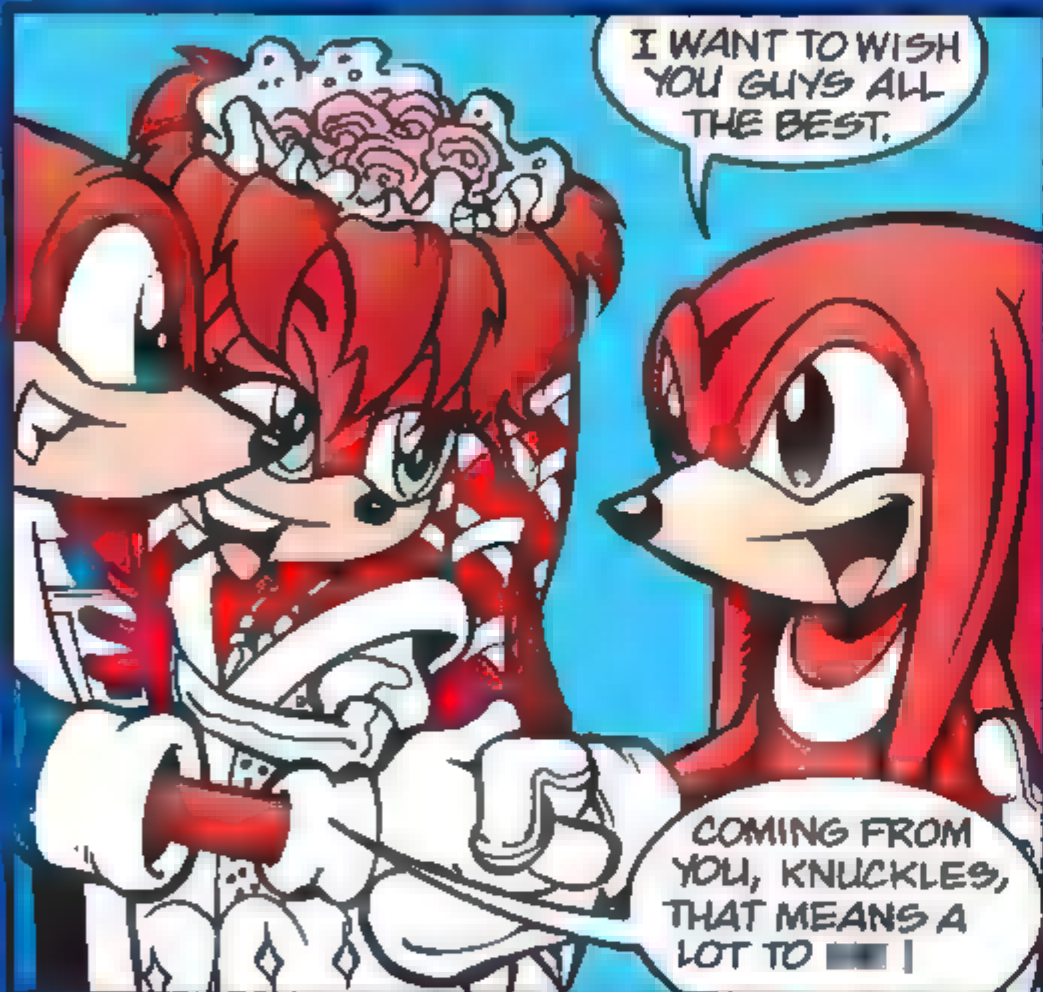


—AND IF HE MADE HER HAPPY,  
WHO WERE WE TO **COMPLAIN**?



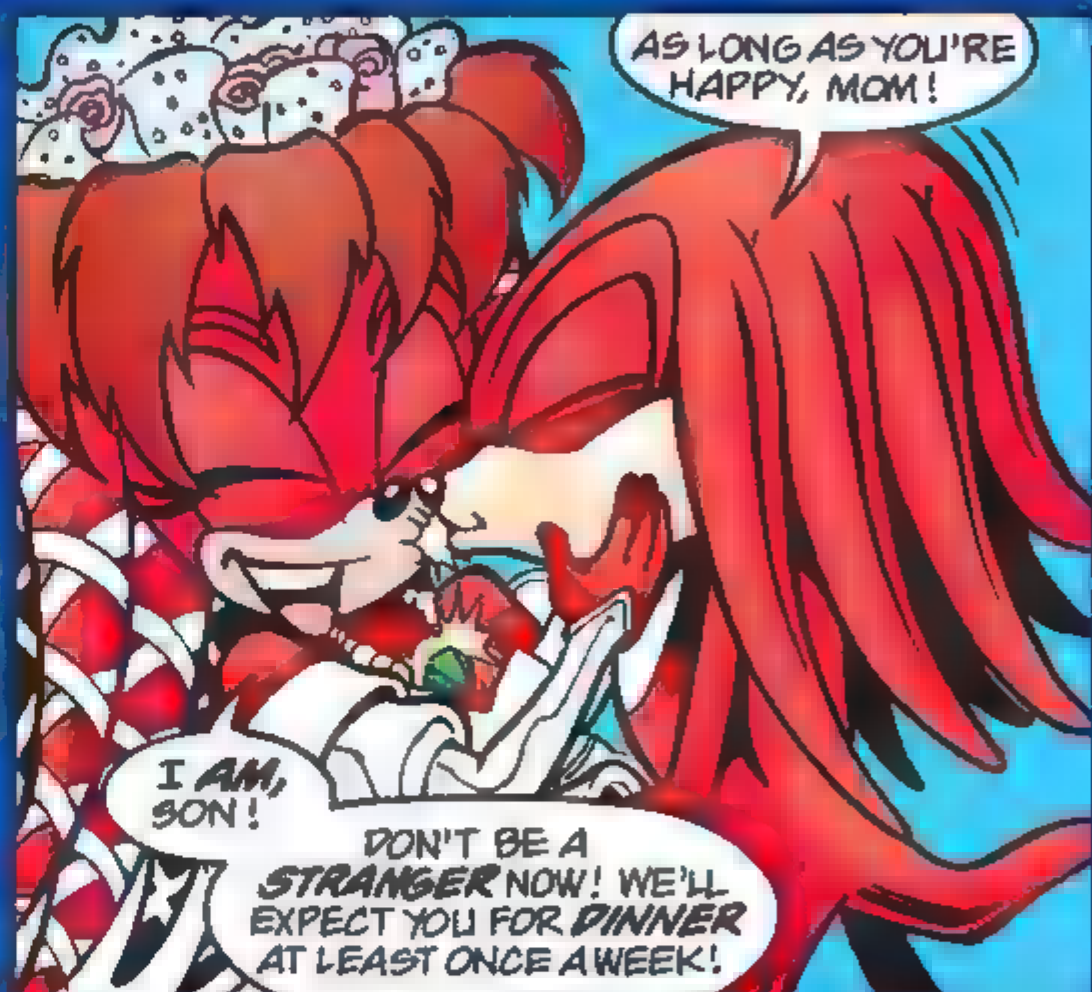
DON'T  
THEY MAKE  
A **HAPPY**  
COUPLE?

I GUESS.



I WANT TO WISH  
YOU GUYS ALL  
THE BEST.

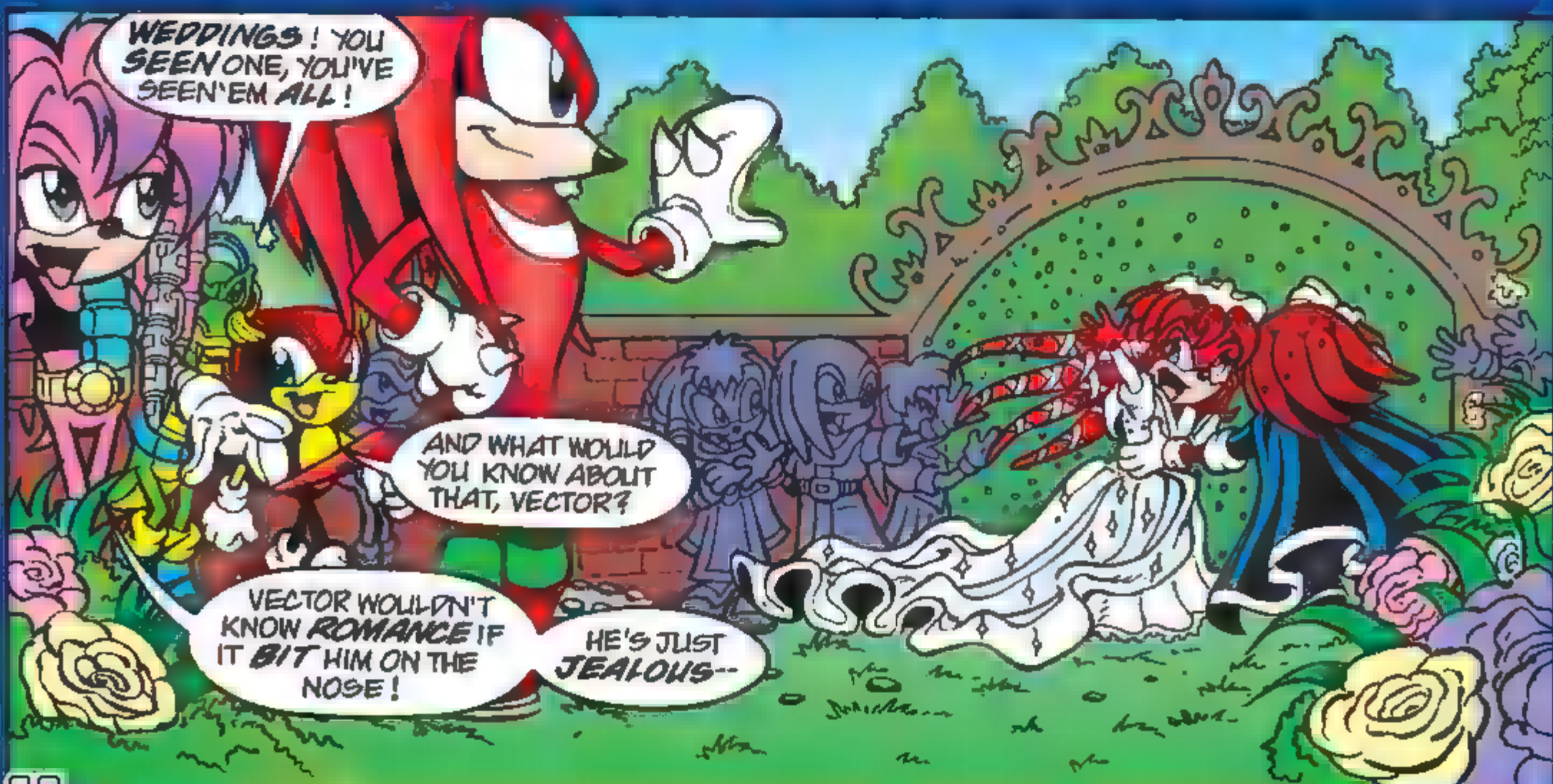
COMING FROM  
YOU, KNUCKLES,  
THAT MEANS A  
LOT TO ■■■!



AS LONG AS YOU'RE  
HAPPY, MOM!

I AM,  
SON!

DON'T BE A  
**STRANGER** NOW! WE'LL  
EXPECT YOU FOR **DINNER**  
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!



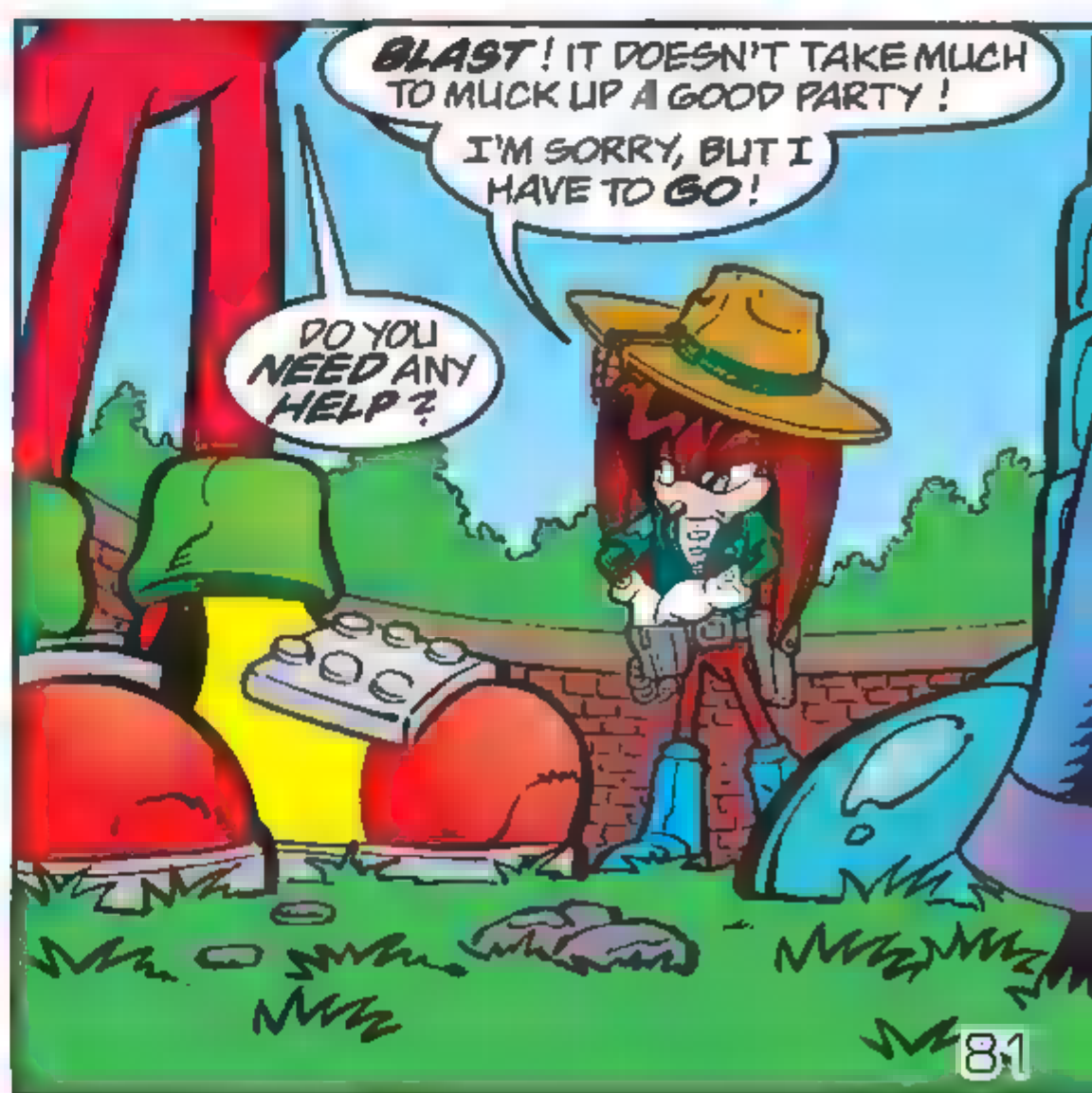
WEDDINGS! YOU  
SEEN ONE, YOU'VE  
SEEN 'EM ALL!

AND WHAT WOULD  
YOU KNOW ABOUT  
THAT, VECTOR?

VECTOR WOULDN'T  
KNOW **ROMANCE** IF  
IT **BIT** HIM ON THE  
NOSE!

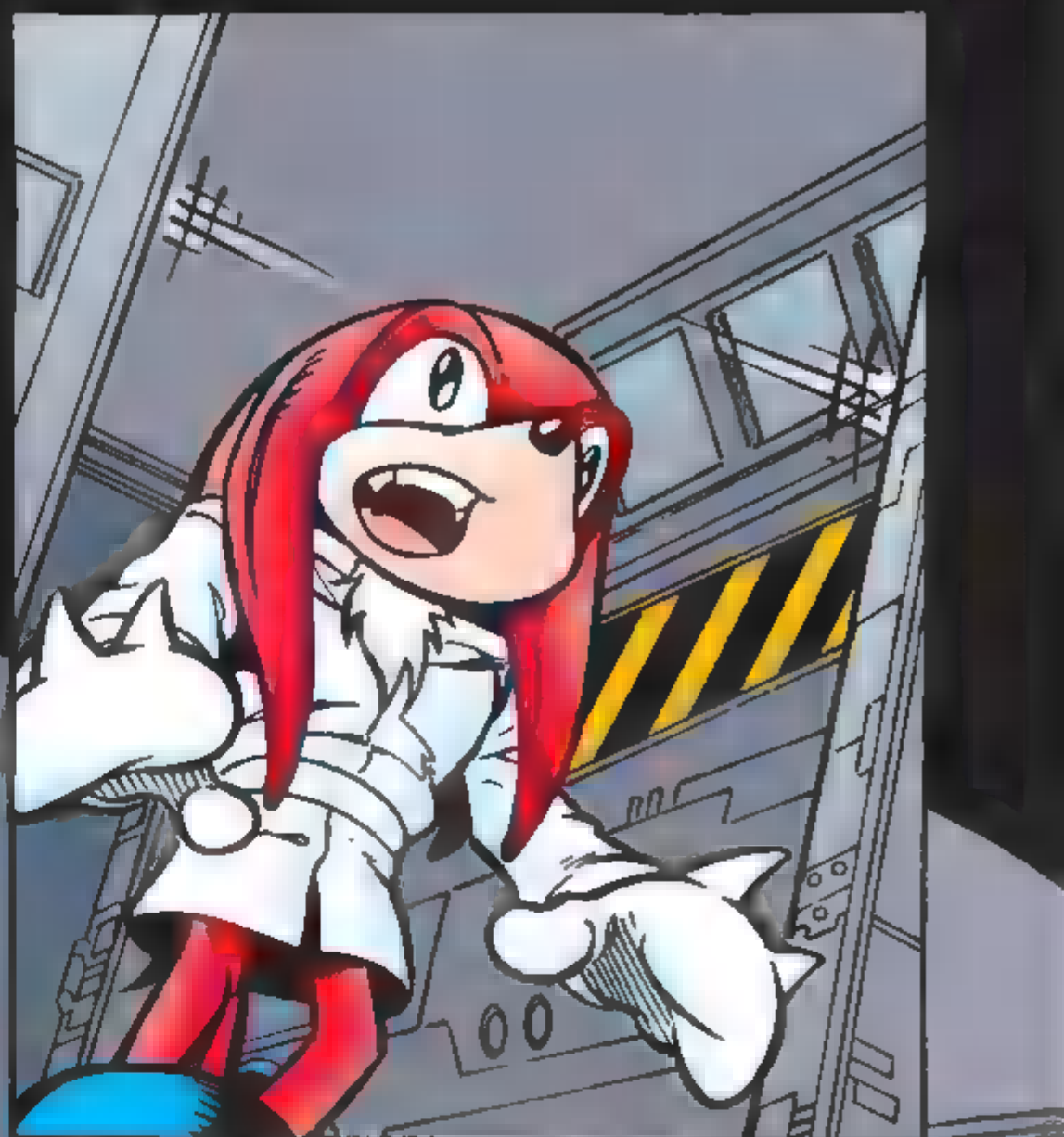
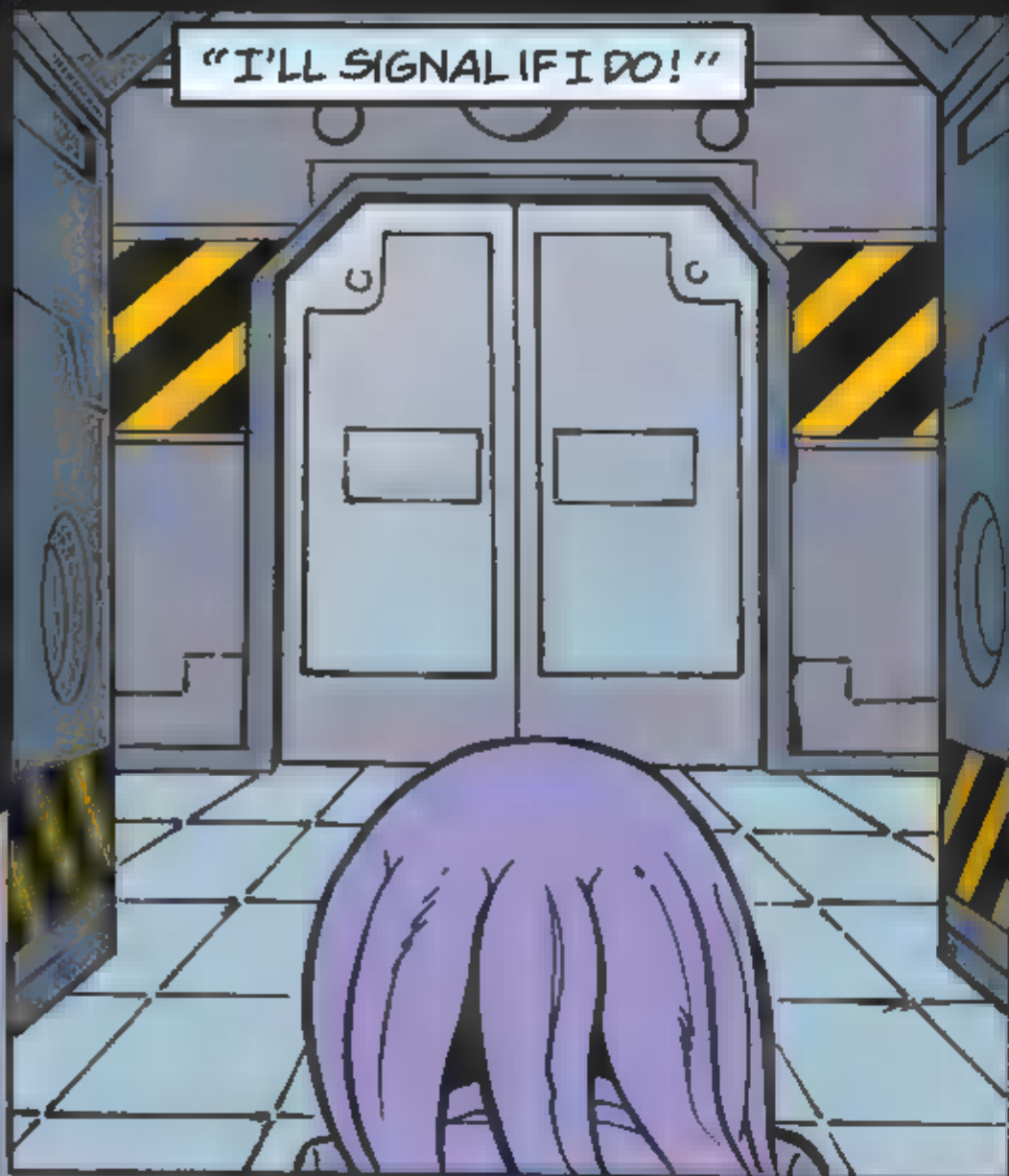
HE'S JUST  
**JEALOUS**—



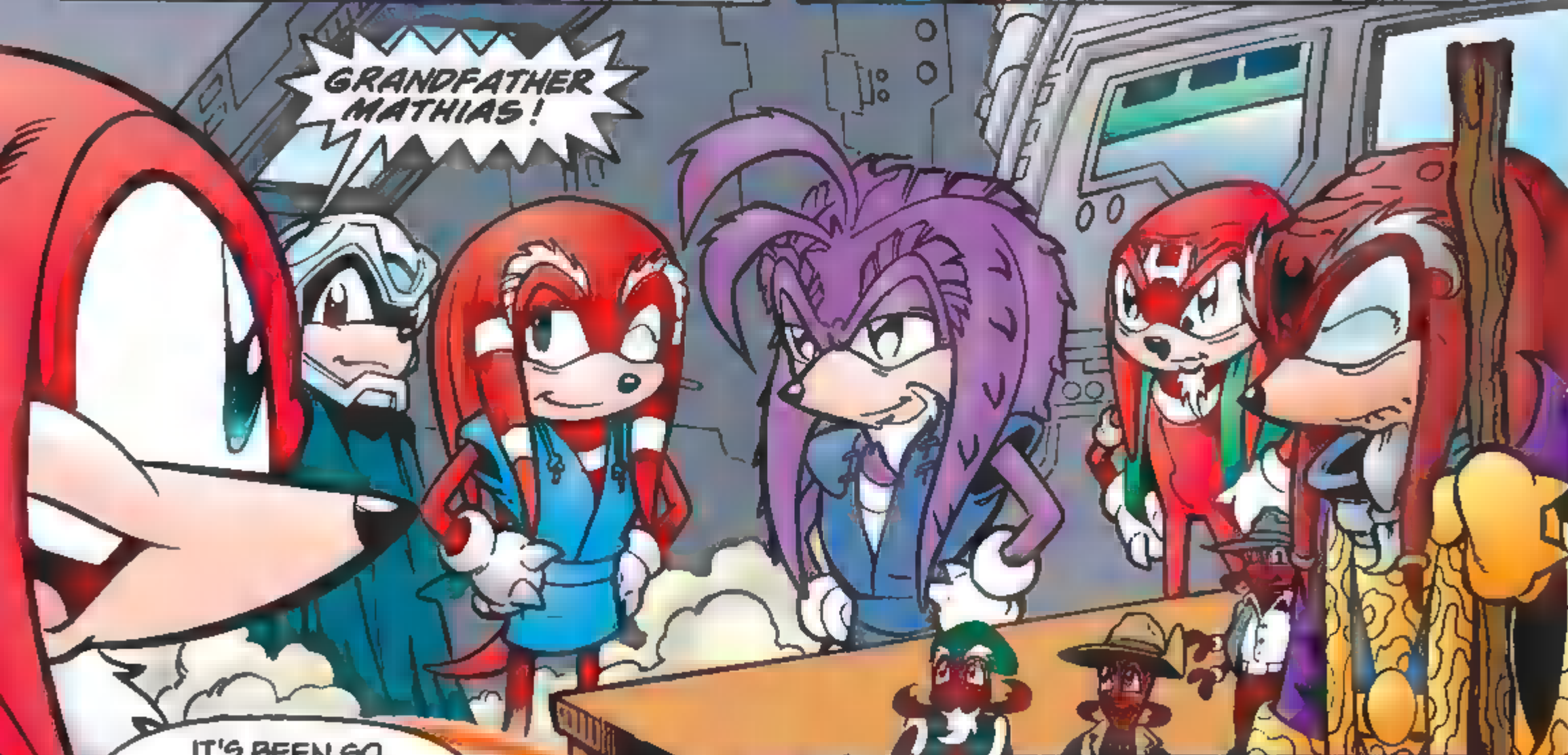




"I'LL SIGNAL IF I DO!"



GRANDFATHER  
MATHIAS!



IT'S BEEN SO  
LONG SINCE YOU WERE  
LAST HERE!


I HOPE I  
HAVEN'T KEPT YOU  
WAITING!

EVEN IF YOU HAD, THE CONCEPT  
OF *TIME* IS *IRRELEVANT* TO  
ONE SUCH AS I!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE  
SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR  
THE REST OF YOU!








HAVING GIVEN UP MY  
PHYSICAL FORM LONG AGO,  
I WAS AT PEACE WITH MY  
SURROUNDINGS WHEN A  
DISTURBANCE RIPPLED  
ACROSS MY PLANE--



--ONLY ONE BEING  
WOULD ~~BE~~ BREACH THE  
FABRIC OF EXISTENCE--

--AND HE WAS  
~~PREPARING~~ HIS FORCES  
FOR ARMAGEDDON!



MY  
BRETHREN,  
DIMITRI  
WILL UNLEASH  
HIS DARK  
~~FORCES~~ UPON  
THE INNOCENT  
UNLESS ACTION IS  
TAKEN!



WHAT SAY  
YOU ALL?



AYE!



**BEST** of times  
**WORST** OF TIMES  
CHAPTER 2

THIS IS  
THE LIFE, EH,  
GUYS?

SPEAK FOR  
YOURSELF,  
M'MAN!

**CROCS** WERE  
NOT MADE TO ROCK  
ON FOUR-LEGGED  
NAGS!

I PITY THE  
PASHA CARRYING  
YOU, VECTOR!

HER FEELINGS  
ARE PROBABLY  
**MUTUAL**!

I KNOW IT'S NOT  
LIKE WE DON'T DESERVE  
A BREAK EVERY NOW AND  
THEN, KNUCKLES--

--BUT DO YOU  
THINK WE **SHOULD**  
HAVE ASSISTED THE  
CONSTABLE?

HARD TO SAY,  
ESPY!

HE'LL  
GIVE A  
HOLLER  
IF HE HAS  
TO!

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RELAX  
ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, Y'KNOW.

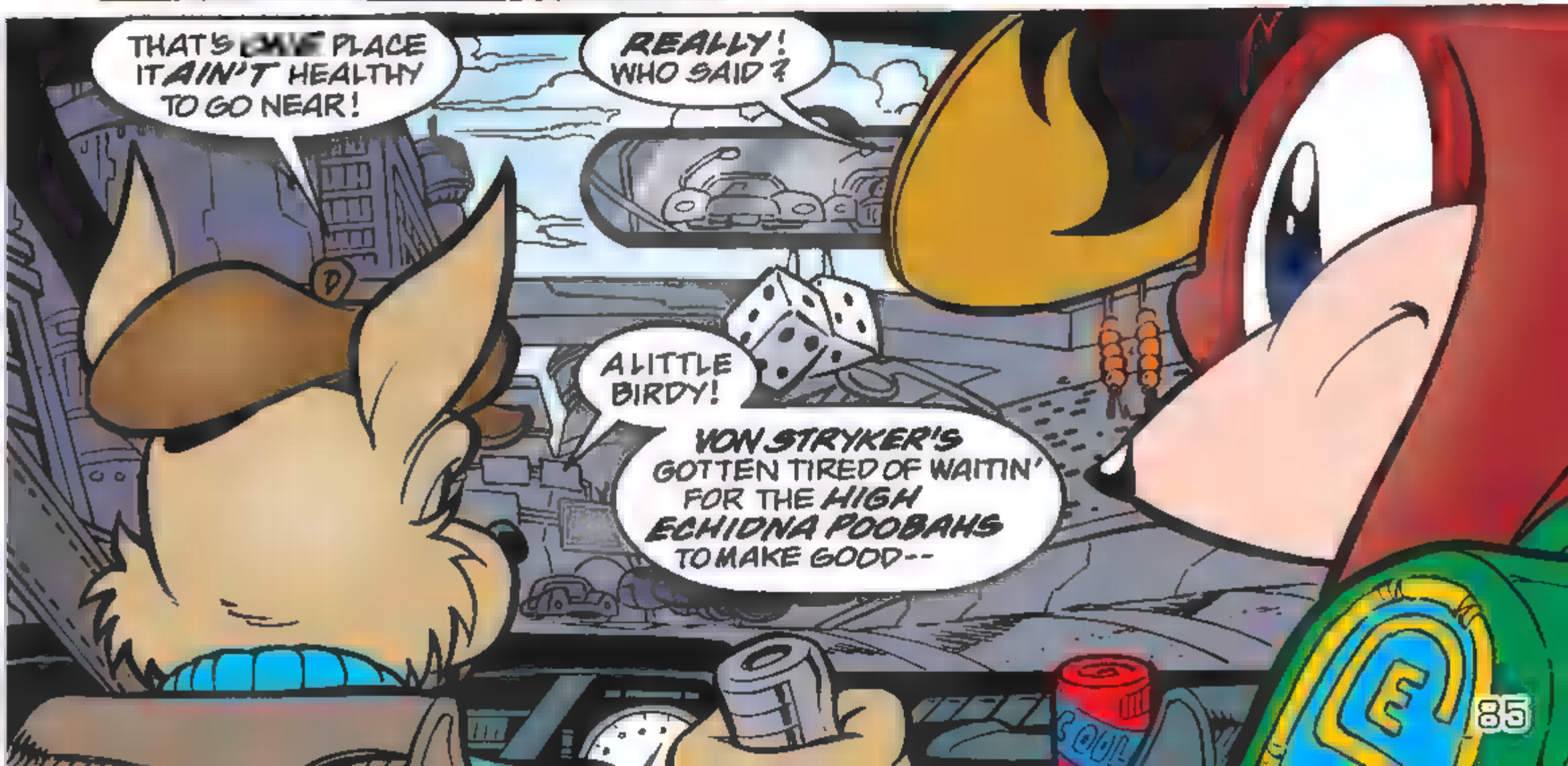
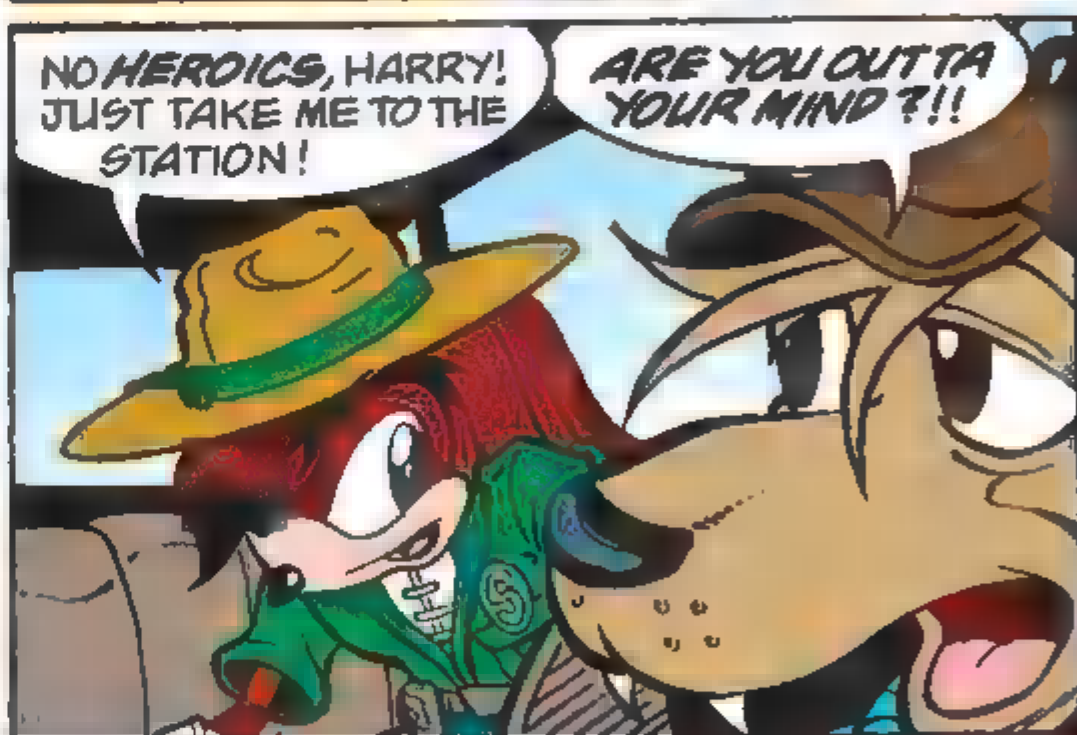
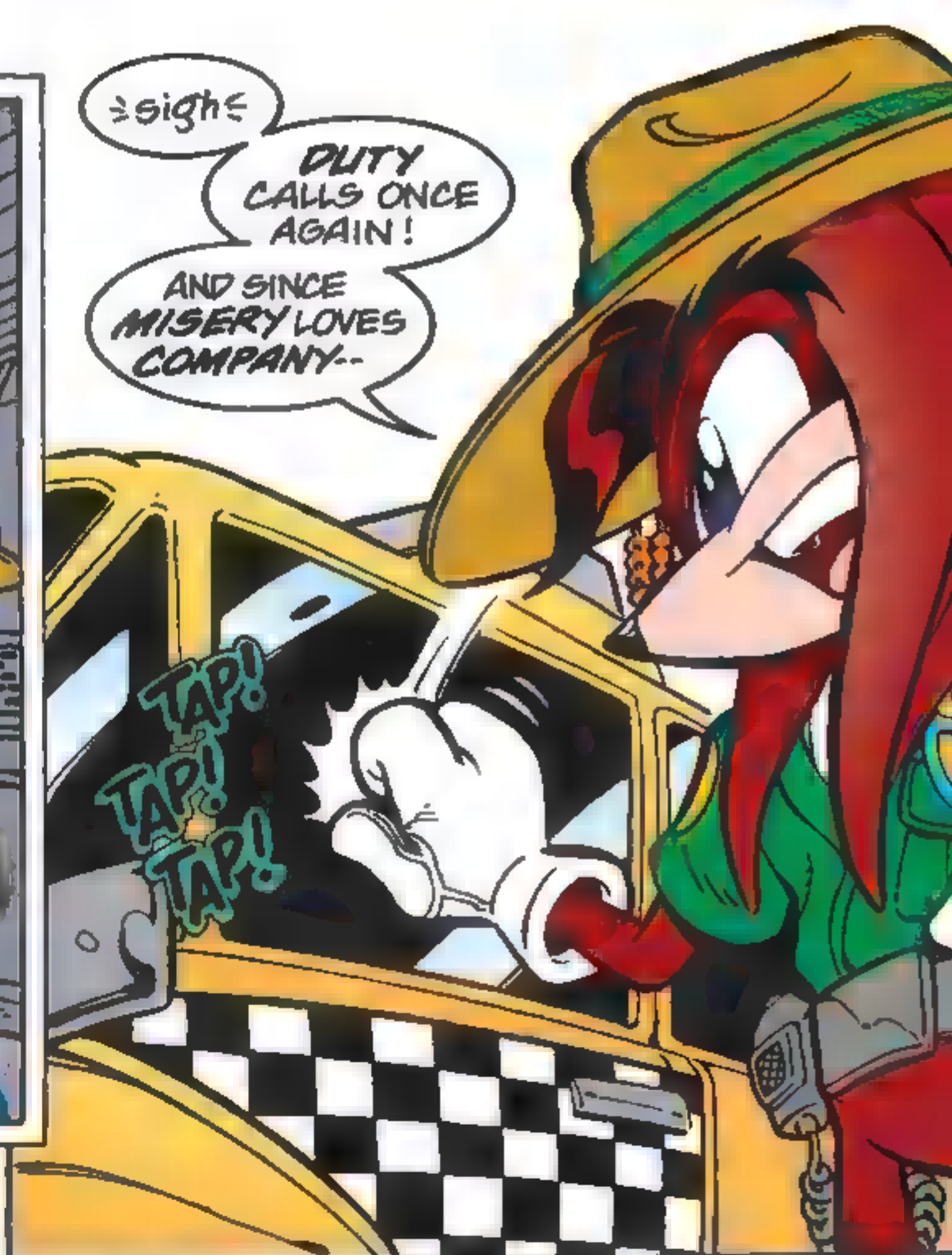
LEARN TO ENJOY  
LIFE A BIT,

EVEN IF IT  
KILLS YOUR  
TUCKUS?

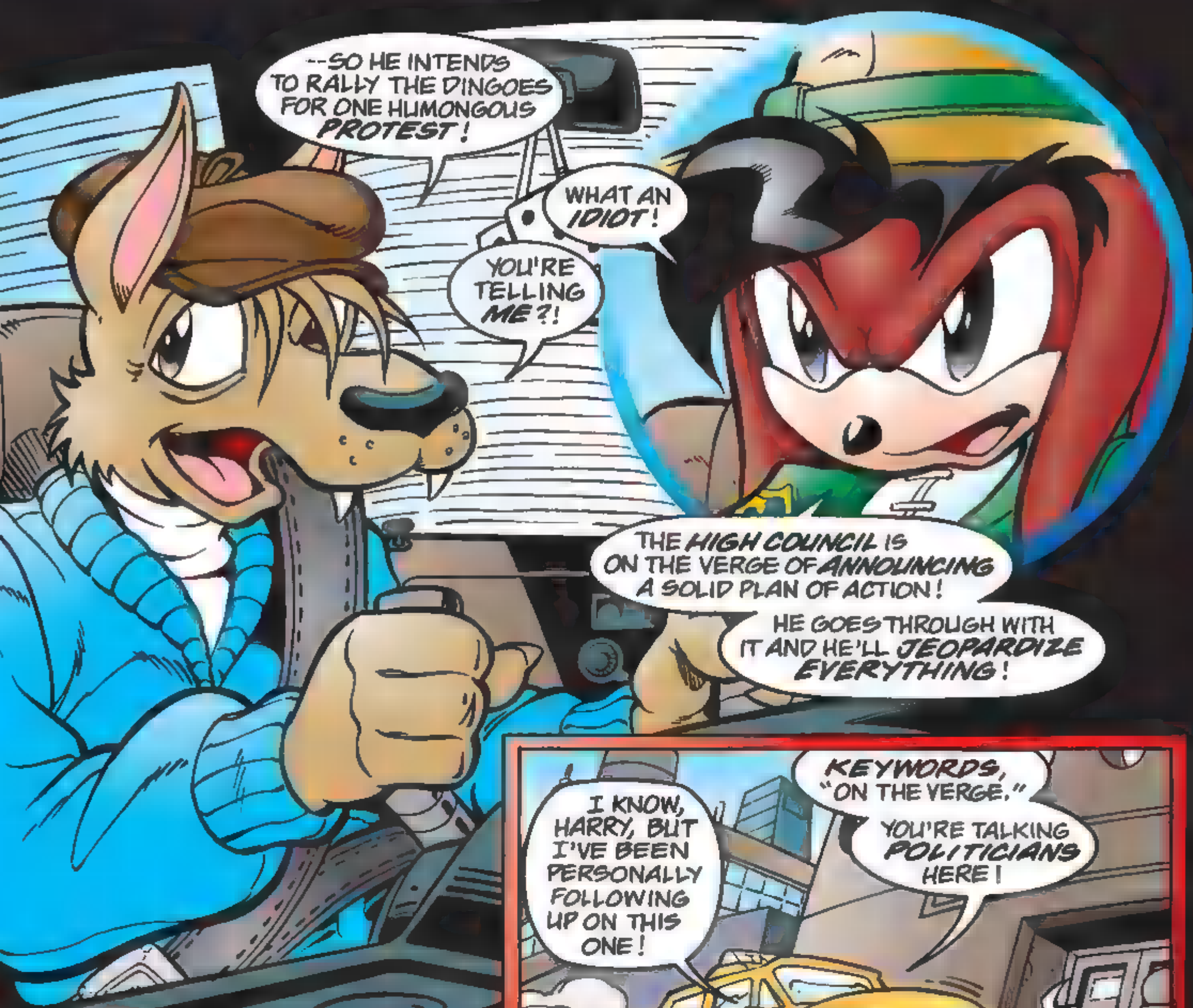
**ESPECIALLY**  
IN YOUR CASE,  
VECTOR!

ON SECOND  
THOUGHT--









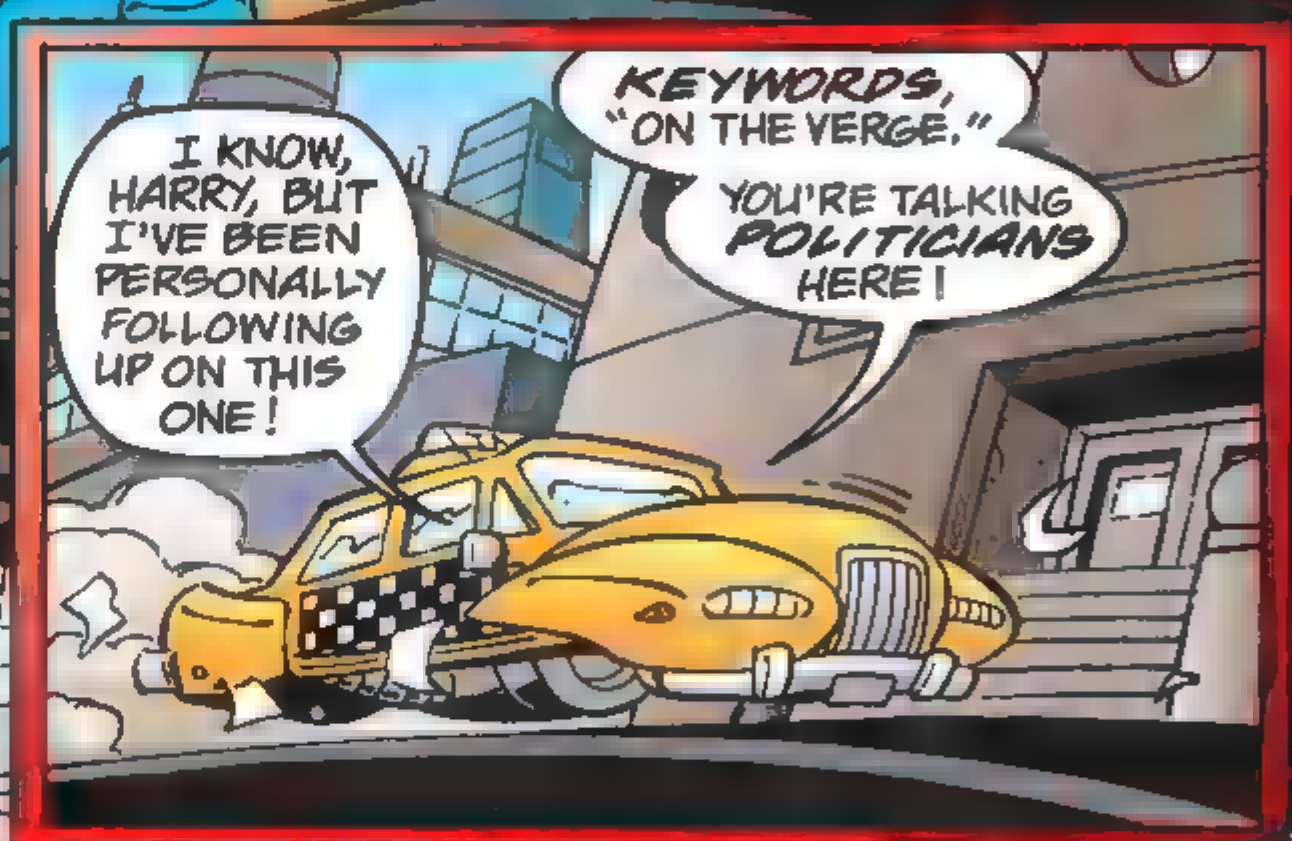
--SO HE INTENDS TO RALLY THE DINGOES FOR ONE HUMONGOUS PROTEST!

WHAT AN IDIOT!

YOU'RE TELLING ME?!

THE HIGH COUNCIL IS ON THE VERGE OF ANNOUNCING A SOLID PLAN OF ACTION!

HE GOES THROUGH WITH IT AND HE'LL JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING!



I KNOW, HARRY, BUT I'VE BEEN PERSONALLY FOLLOWING UP ON THIS ONE!

KEYWORDS, "ON THE VERGE."

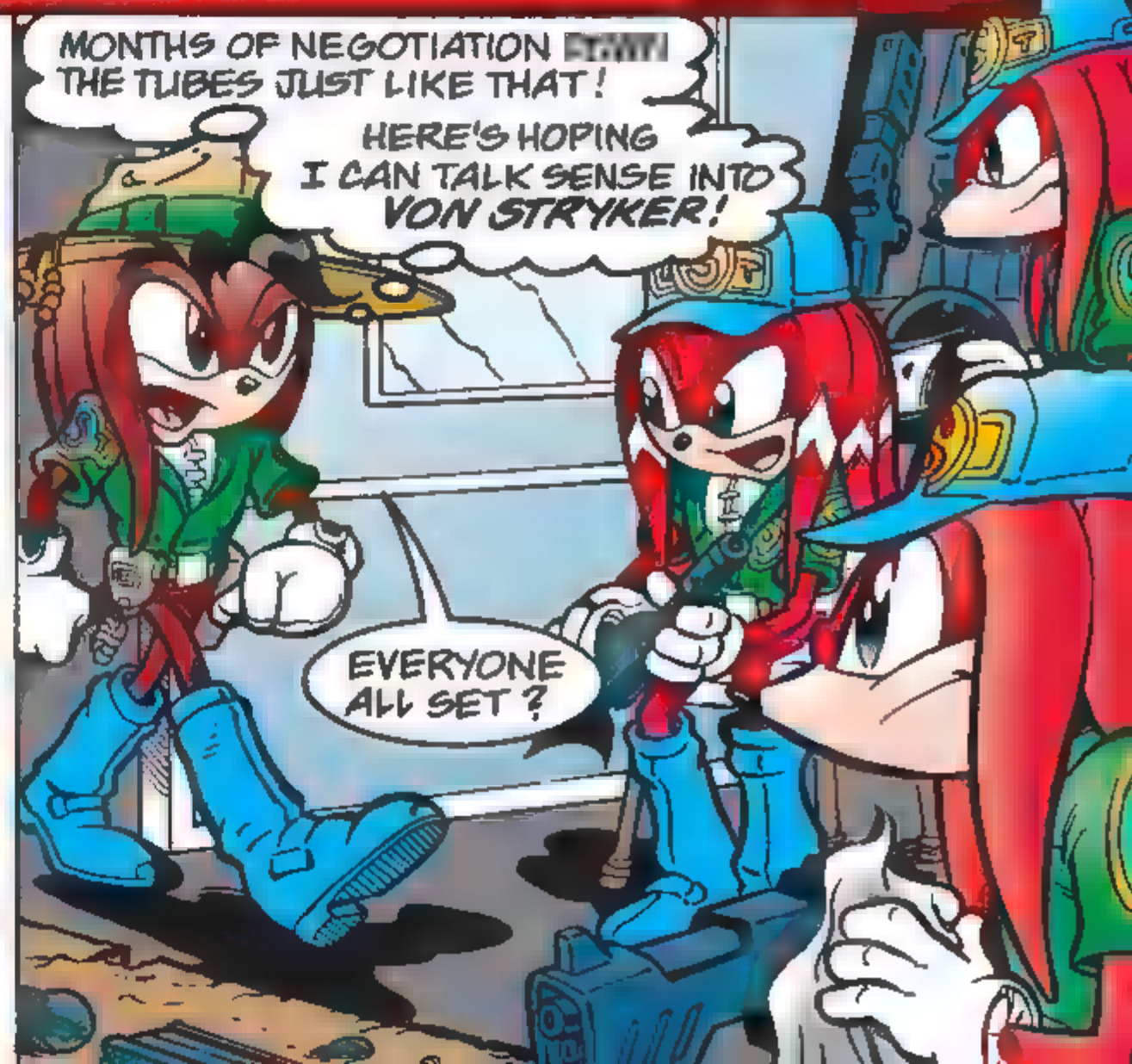
YOU'RE TALKING POLITICIANS HERE!



ANYWAY, THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

WHAT DO I OWE YOU?

SKIP IT! YOU NEVER SAW ME TODAY!

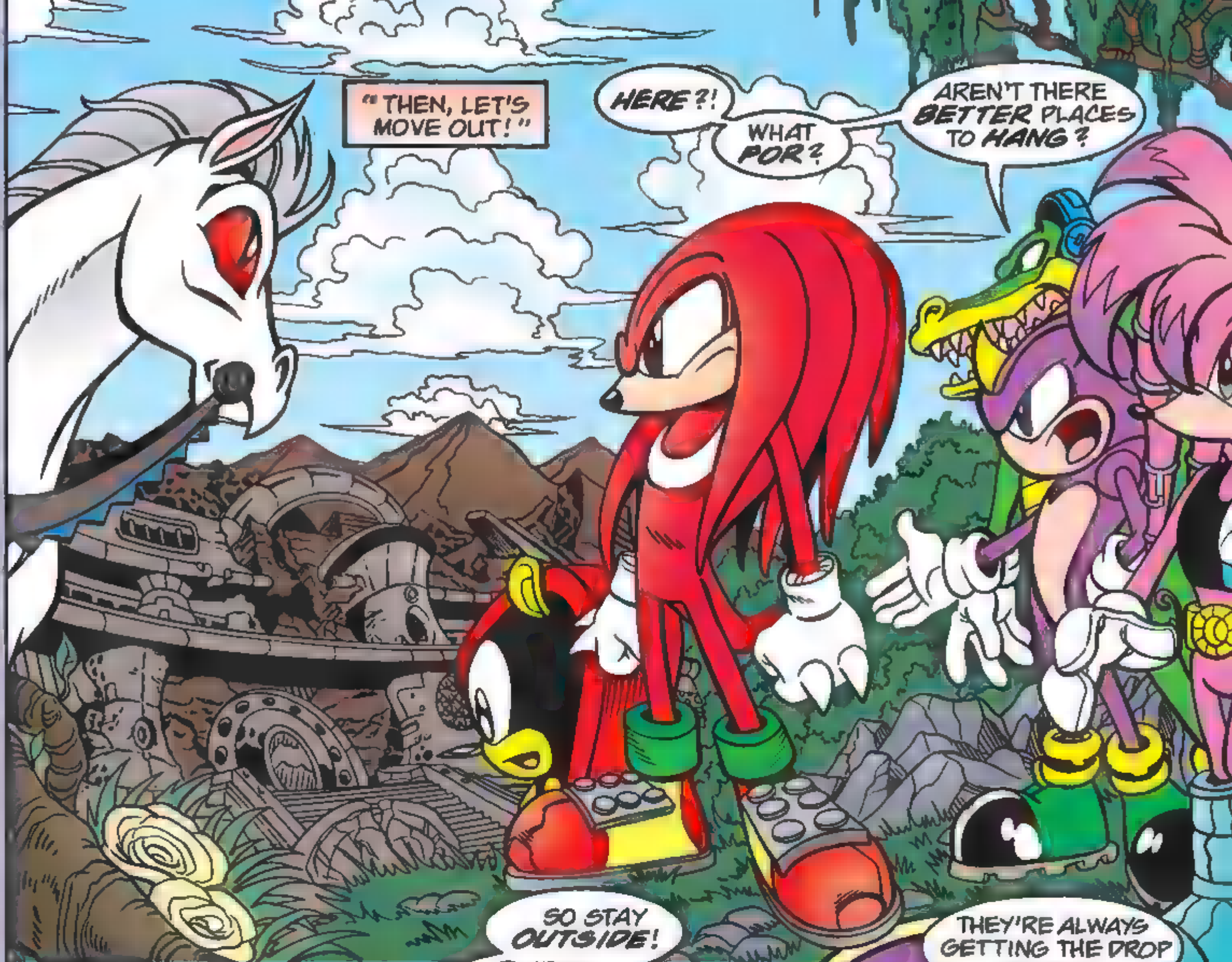


MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION DOWN THE TUBES JUST LIKE THAT!

HERE'S HOPING I CAN TALK SENSE INTO VON STRYKER!

EVERYONE ALL SET?





"THEN, LET'S  
MOVE OUT!"

HERE?!

WHAT  
FOR?

AREN'T THERE  
BETTER PLACES  
TO HANG?

SO STAY  
OUTSIDE!

I NEED  
TO CHECK OUT  
SOMETHING!

THEY'RE ALWAYS  
GETTING THE DROP  
ON US!

I'D LIKE TO SEE  
IF I CAN RETURN  
THE FAVOR!

YOU THINK  
WE'LL FIND DIMITRI'S  
BULLY BOYS IN  
THERE?



I DOUBT IF  
ANYONE'S IN  
THERE NOW!

THEN AGAIN, I THOUGHT THE SAME  
THING UNTIL I DISCOVERED MY  
STEP-FATHER WHO DIS-  
APPEARED SOON  
AFTERWARD.\*



YEAH, WELL--

--WE WON'T  
LEARN A THING  
TWIDDLING  
OUR THUMBS OUT  
HERE!





"C'MON!"

THEY'RE  
**HERE?! AT THE GRAND  
CONSERVATORY?!**

WHAT BETTER A  
**HIDING PLACE THAN WHERE  
WE STORED OUR RENOUNCED  
TECHNOLOGY?**

HIGHLY  
**APPROPRIATE,**  
IN A WARPED KIND  
OF WAY!

**DIMITRI**  
WAS ALWAYS  
ONE TO GO AGAINST  
**AUTHORITY!**

IT'S TIME  
HE WERE TAKEN  
DOWN A PEG!

HOLD IT  
RIGHT THERE,  
BUD!

TAKE  
ONE MORE  
MOVE AND  
IT'LL BE YOUR  
**LAST!**

**BAAM!**

DO YOU  
HAVE ANY IDEA  
**WHO YOU'RE  
DEALING WITH  
HERE?**

THAT IDIOT  
**SPECTRE!** HE'S MAKING  
IT **PERSONAL!**

MOBILIS TO  
**SOJOURNER--WHAT A  
NEWS BULLETIN  
THAT WAS!**

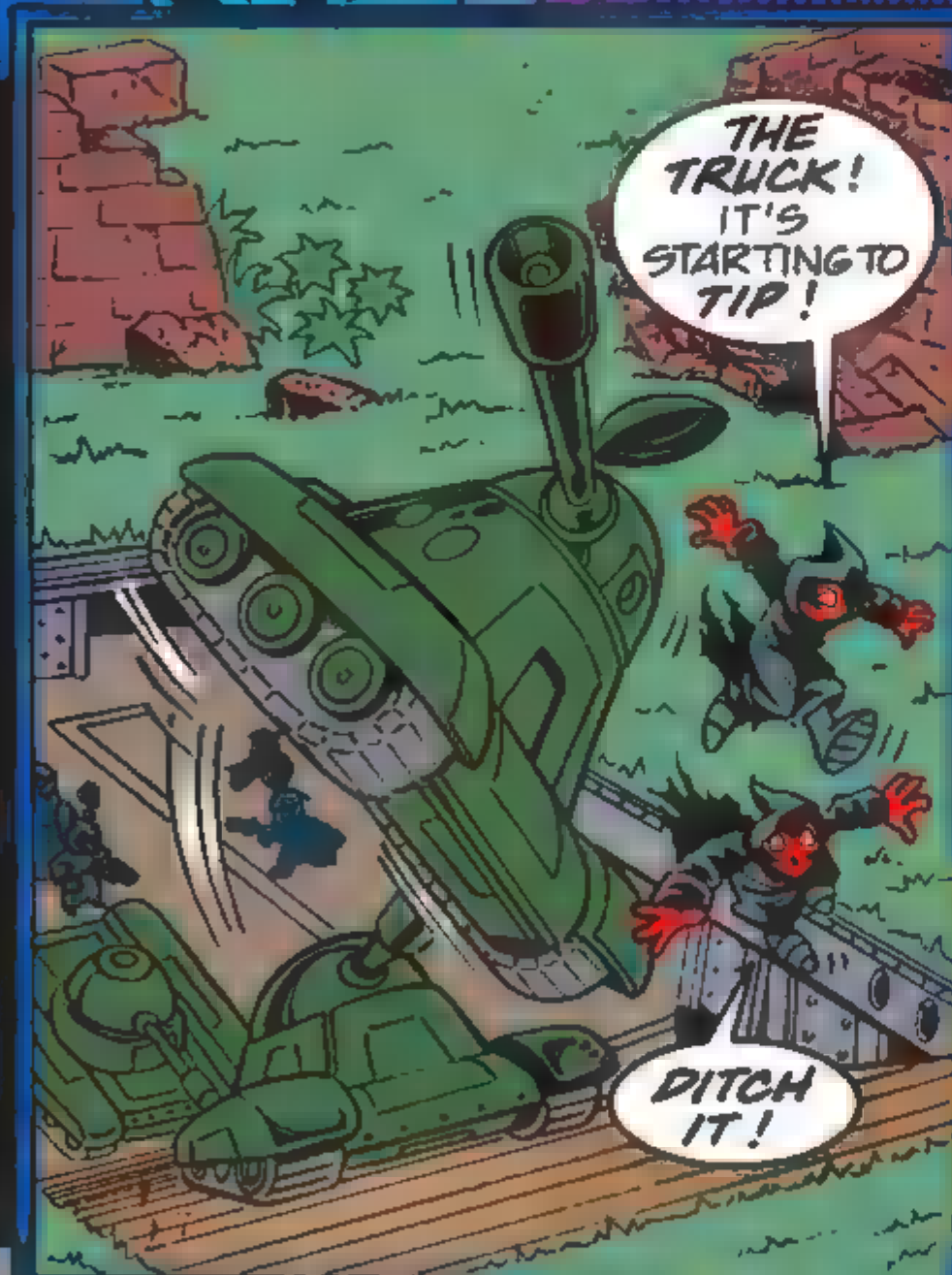
HIS **MOTIVES** ARE  
INCONSEQUENTIAL!

WHAT MATTERS  
IS WE STAY **UNITED** TO  
THE TASK AT HAND!



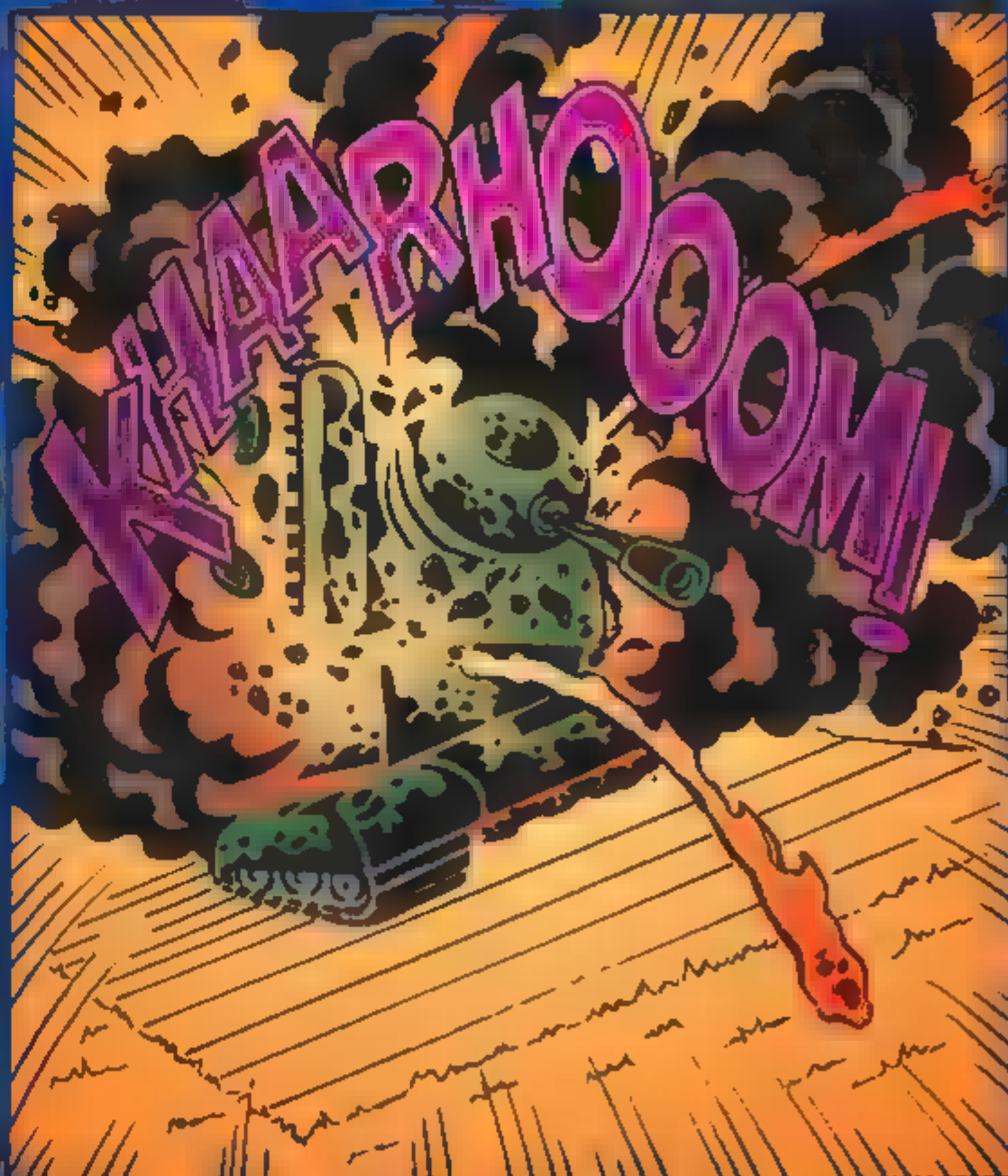


NOW--  
JOIN!



THE  
TRUCK!  
IT'S  
STARTING TO  
TIP!

DITCH  
IT!



KRAARHO OOM!

EVERYONE OUT!  
MAKE FOR THE EMERGENCY  
EXITS!

"ETA IS NOW  
FOUR MINUTES--"



UNTIL ARRIVAL  
AT THE ALBION  
CHALET!

BEST of times  
**WORST** OF TIMES

CHAPTER 3

RRRRRRRR  
ROARRR

HERE YOU GO, MY GOOD MAN!


OH,  
WYN--

--IT'S SO  
BEAUTIFUL  
HERE!

IT'S  
ONLY JUST  
THE BEGINNING,  
DARLING!

AFTER  
ALL--





"--WE HAVE ALL THE  
TIME IN THE WORLD!"

SINCE THE  
**TREACHEROUS** ECHIDNA  
REFUSE TO TAKE US  
**SERIOUSLY--**

--WE'LL GIVE  
THEM **MORE** THAN ENOUGH  
REASONS BEFORE WE'RE  
THROUGH!

**EVERYONE**  
SET? THEN, LET'S  
**MOVE OUT!**

WHAT ABOUT  
**REMINGTON?**

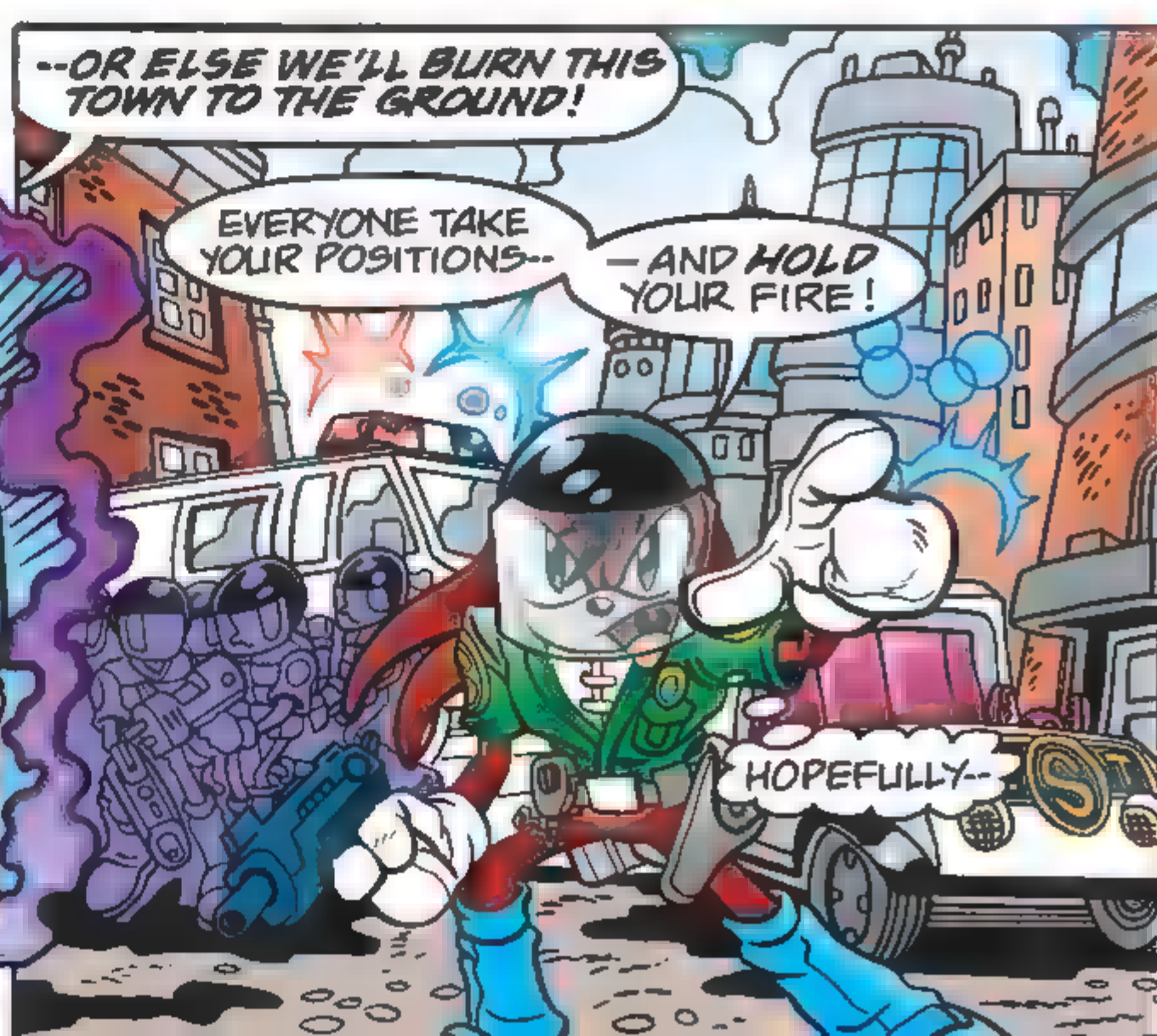
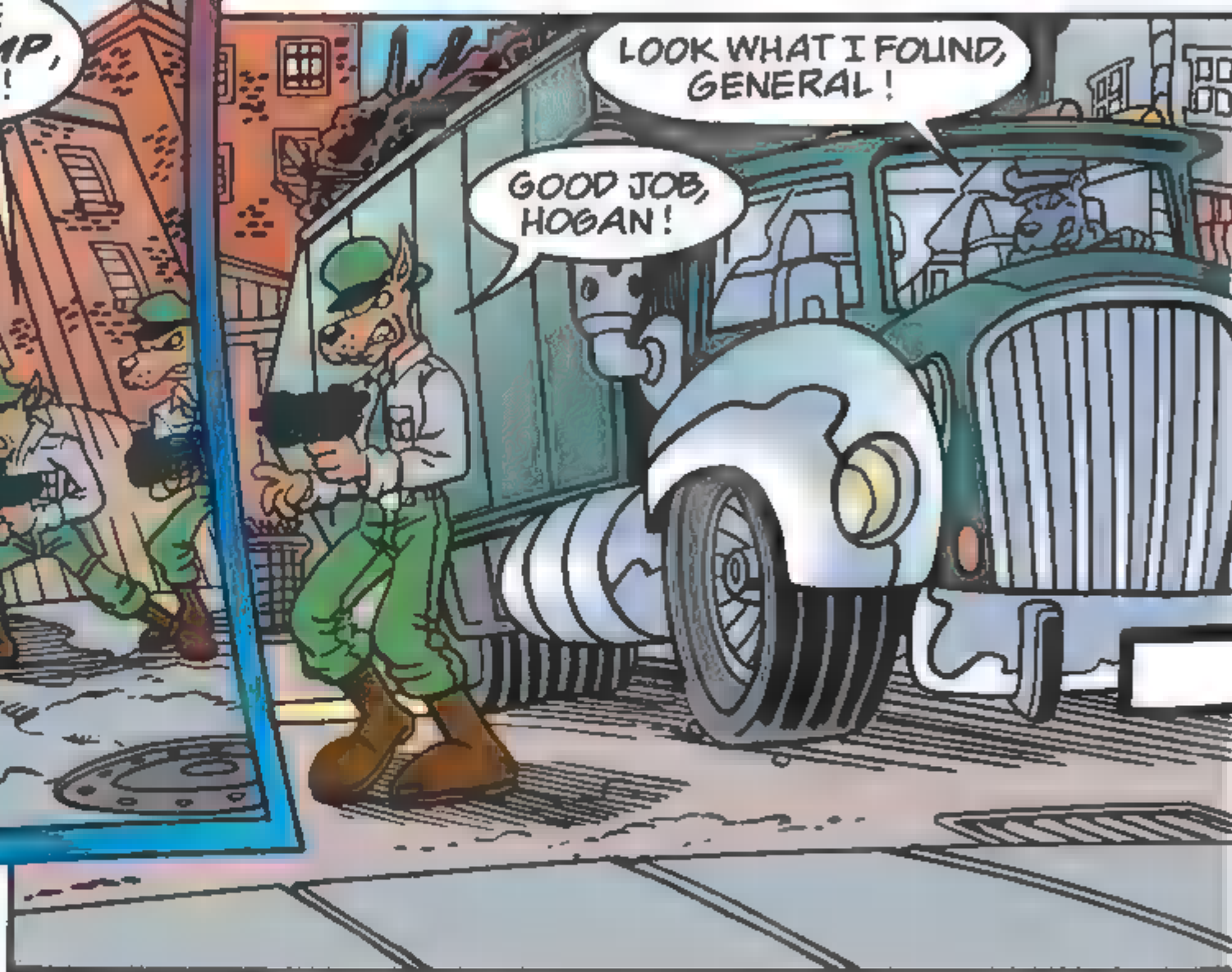
HE  
**HAD HIS**  
CHANCE--

--BESIDES, HE'S MERELY  
A **HIRED FLUNKY!**

**SAFETY'S**  
OFF!

UPON MY  
**COMMAND--**







"---I CAN CONVINCE VON STRYKER  
TO COME TO HIS SENSES!"

WHAT  
EXACTLY ARE  
YOU LOOKING  
FOR?

I'M NOT  
SURE--

JULIE-SU!!

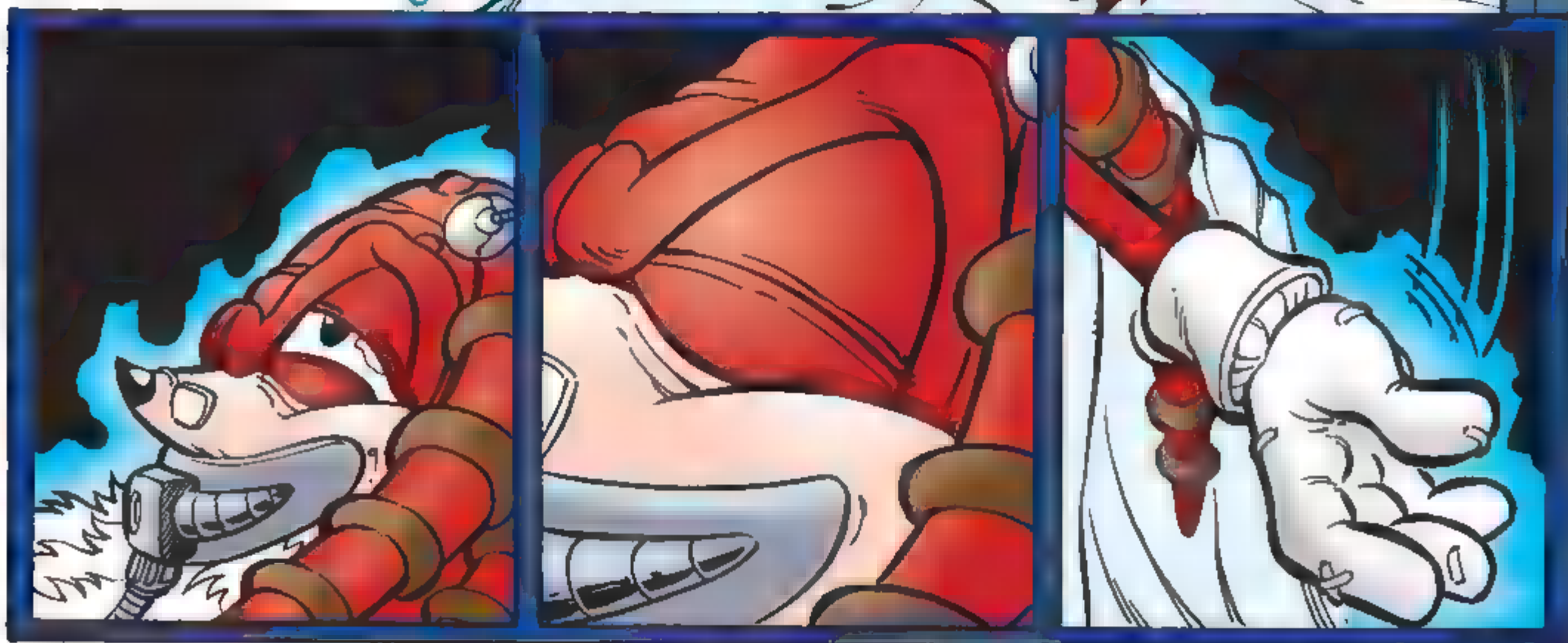
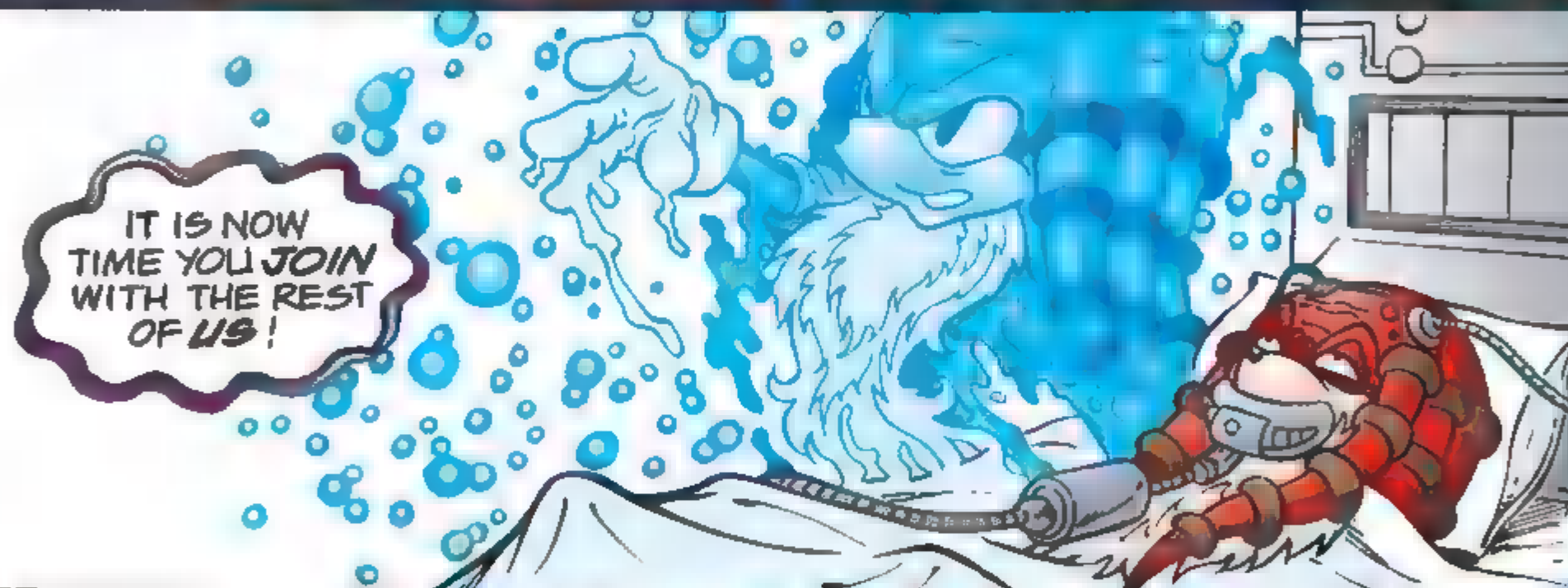
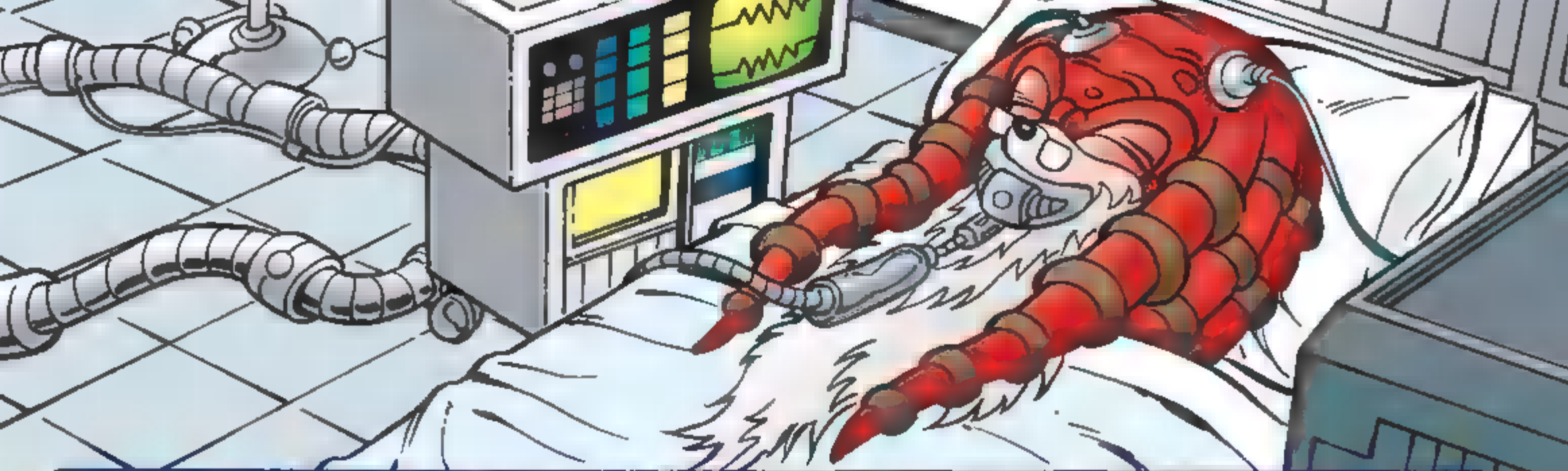
SAY, KNUX, I  
KNEW COMING HERE  
WASN'T SUCH A  
GREAT IDEA!

CAN IT,  
VECTOR!

RIGHT NOW  
WE *BUST* SOME  
HEADS--

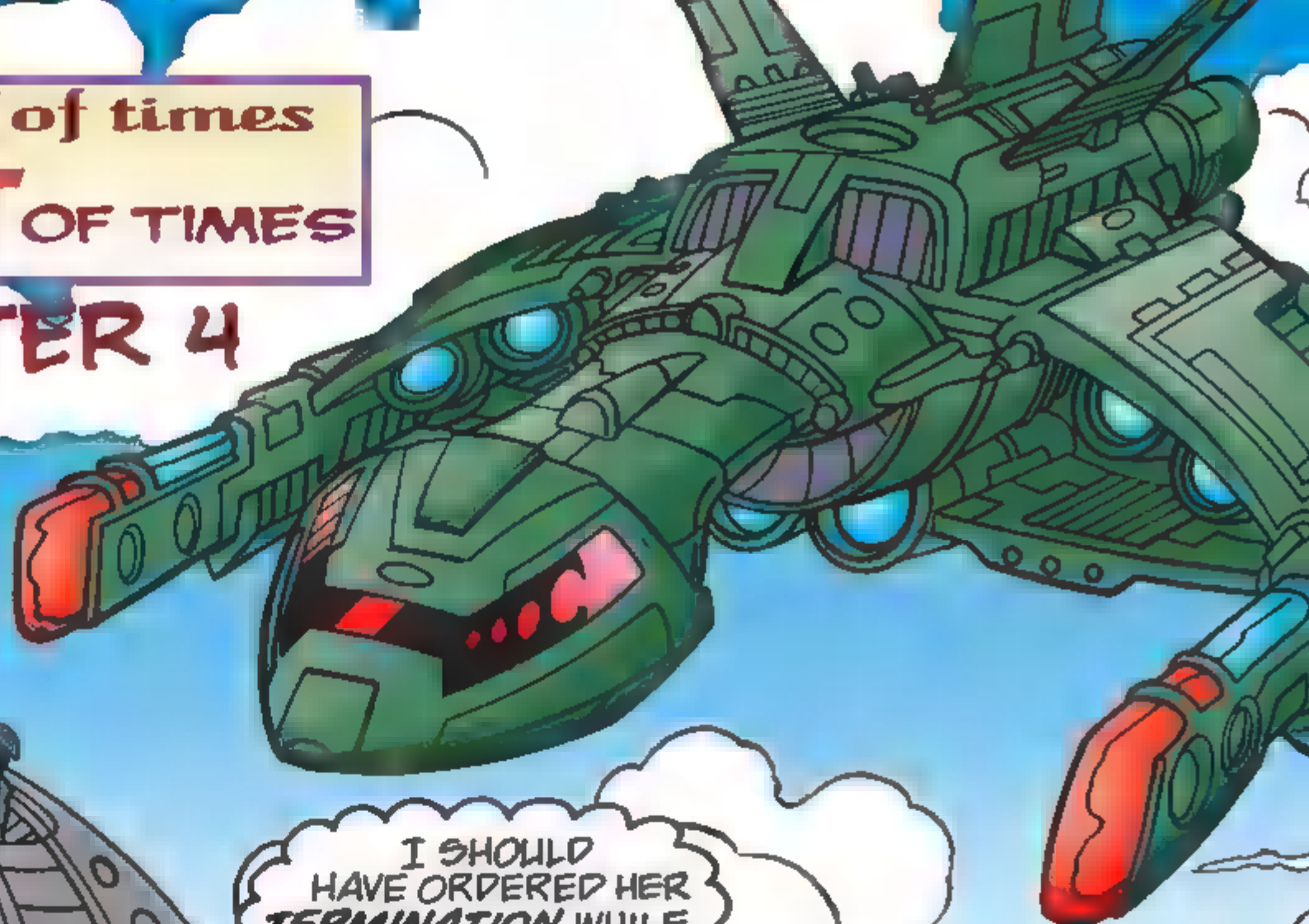
"--AND GET JULIE-SU!"







**BEST** of times  
**WORST** OF TIMES  
**CHAPTER 4**



I SHOULD  
HAVE ORDERED HER  
**TERMINATION** WHILE  
I STILL HAD THE  
**CHANCE!**

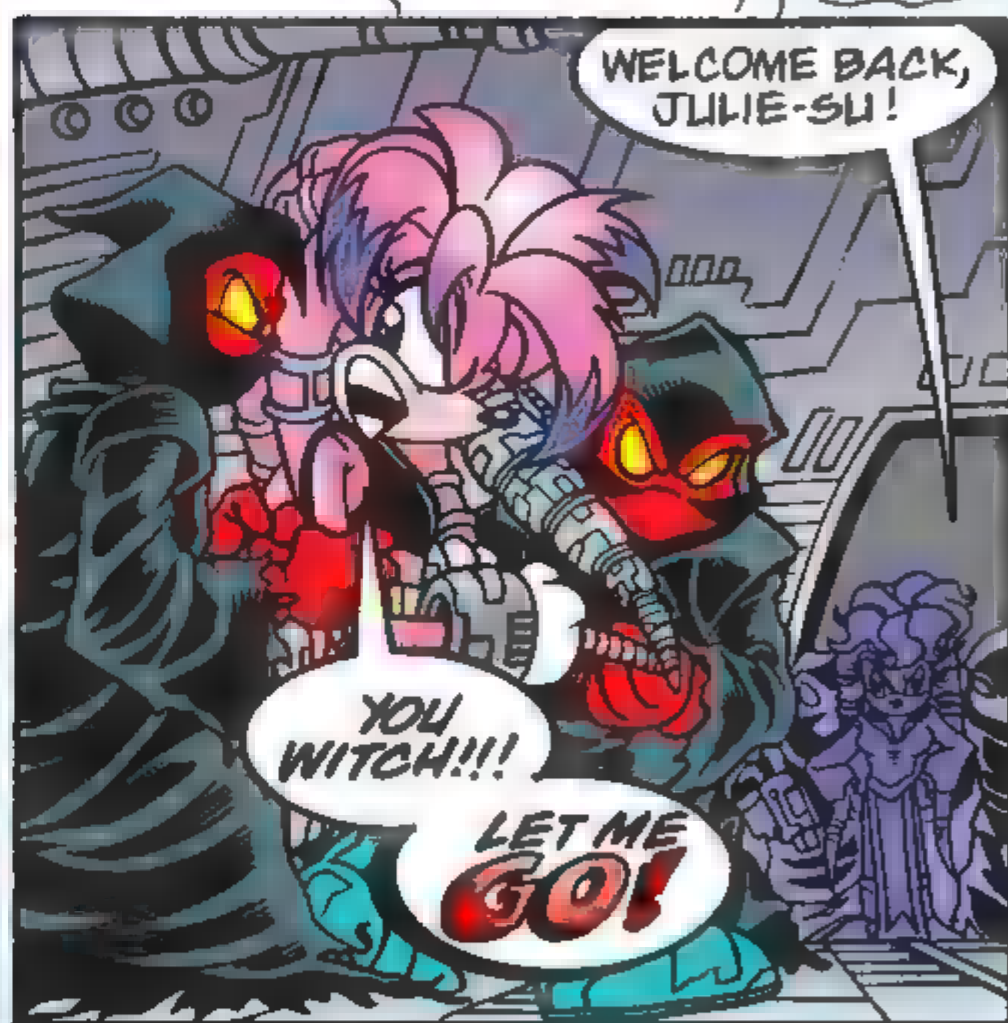
STILL, NO  
SENSE IN NOT HAVING  
A LITTLE **PLEASURE**  
AT HER EXPENSE!



WELCOME BACK,  
JULIE-SU!

YOU  
WITCH!!!

LET ME  
**GO!**



WHY, JULIE-SU, I THOUGHT  
YOU'D ENJOY SOME **QUALITY**  
~~TIME~~ BONDING WITH YOUR  
**HALF-SISTER!**

FAT  
CHANCE!

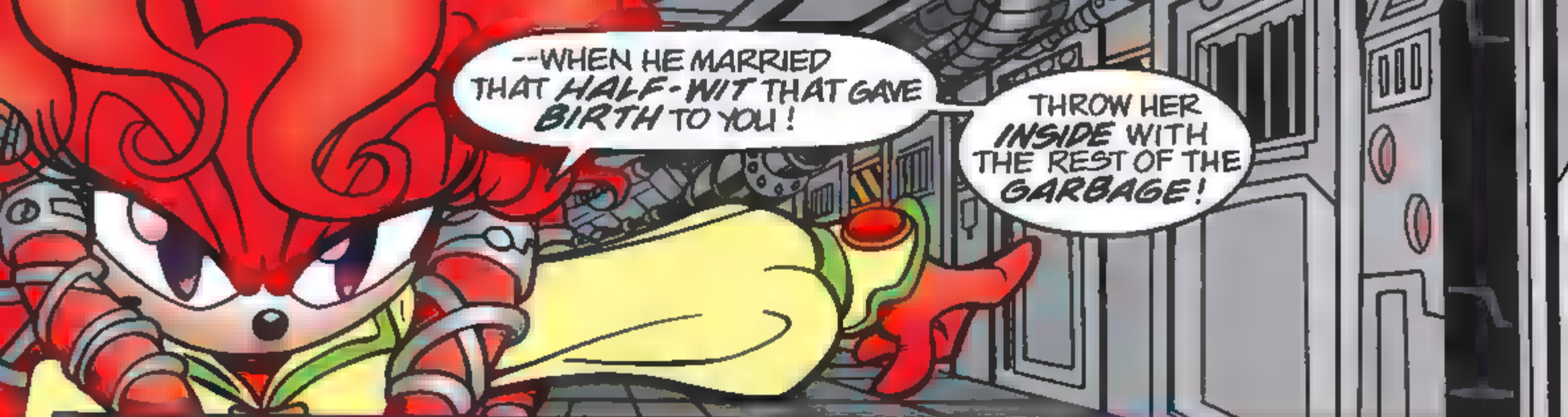
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS  
STRICTLY AN **ACCIDENT**  
OF **BIOLOGY!**

ON THAT,  
I'LL ~~AGREE~~  
WITH YOU!

WHATEVER  
WAS **FATHER**  
THINKING--

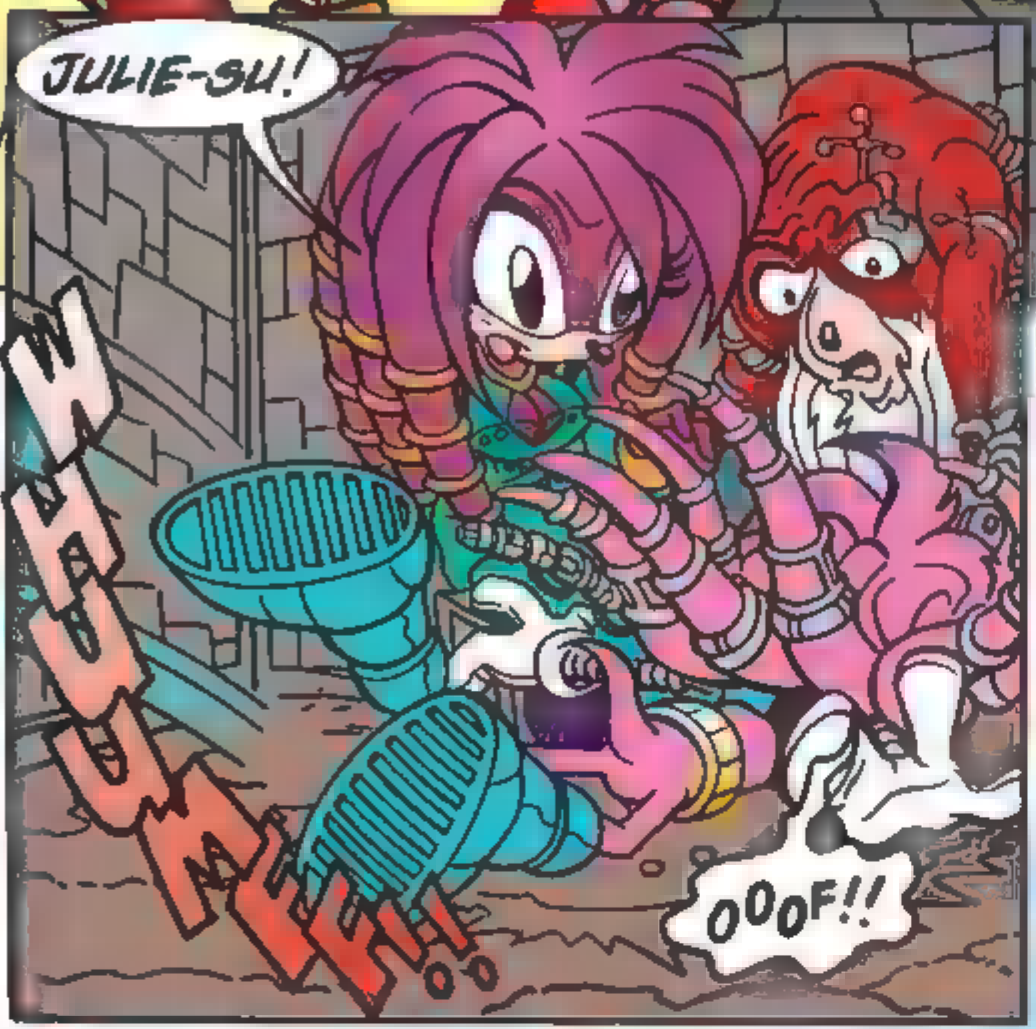






--WHEN HE MARRIED  
THAT *HALF-WIT* THAT GAVE  
*BIRTH* TO YOU!

THROW HER  
*INSIDE* WITH  
THE REST OF THE  
*GARBAGE*!



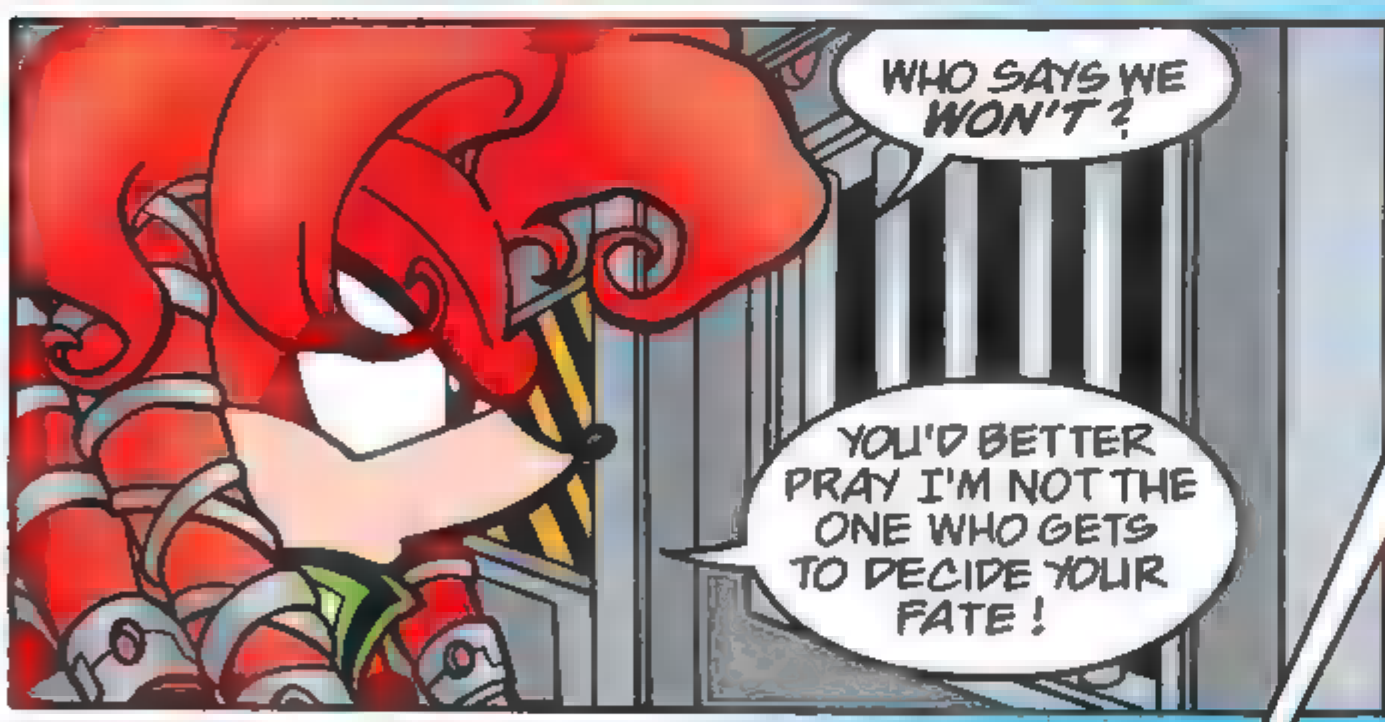
JULIE-SU!

OOOF!!



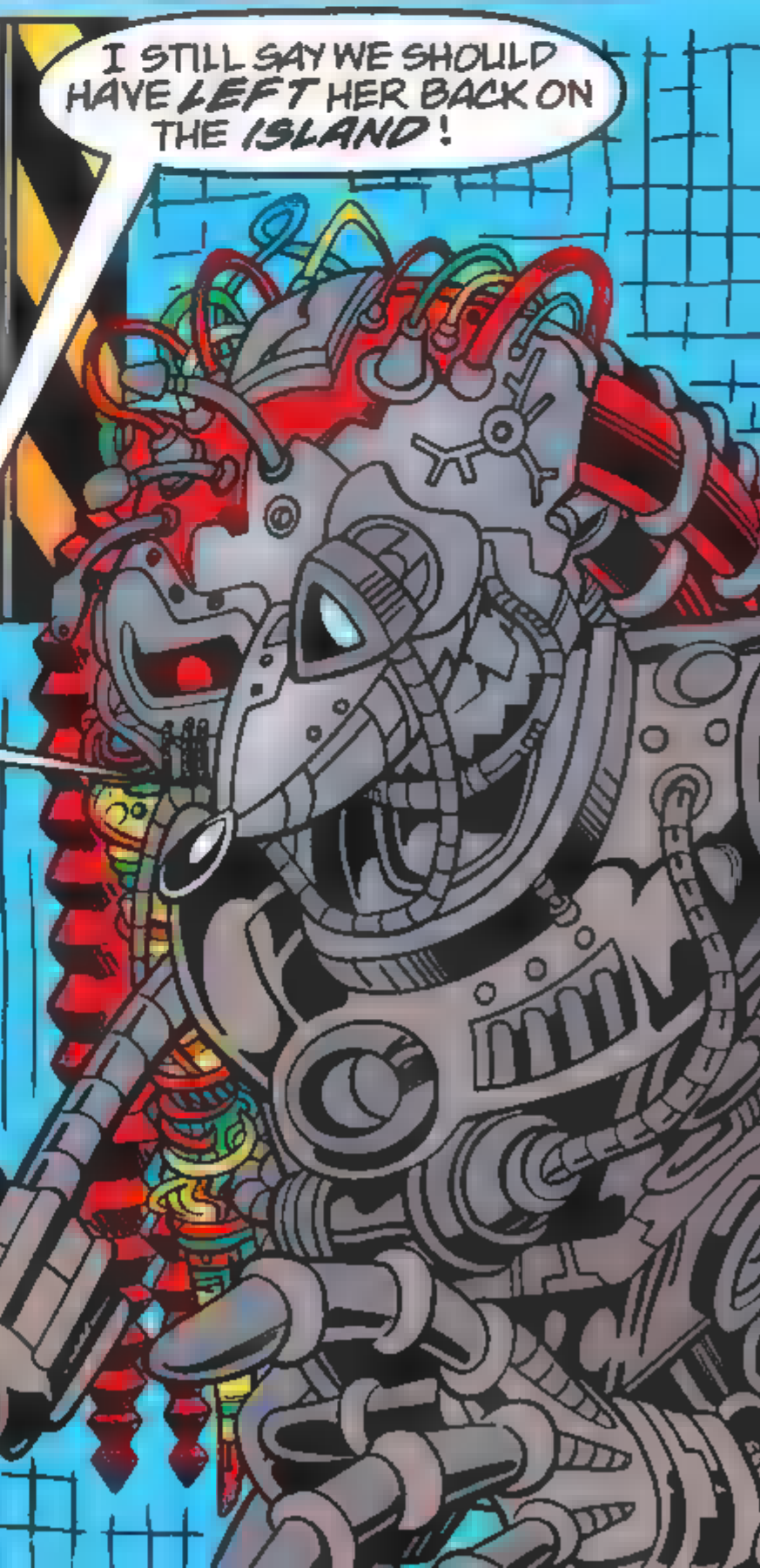
AT LEAST YOU'RE  
*SAFE* AND SOUND,  
HONEY!

I WAS SO  
*AFRAID* THEY'D  
DO *WORSE*!

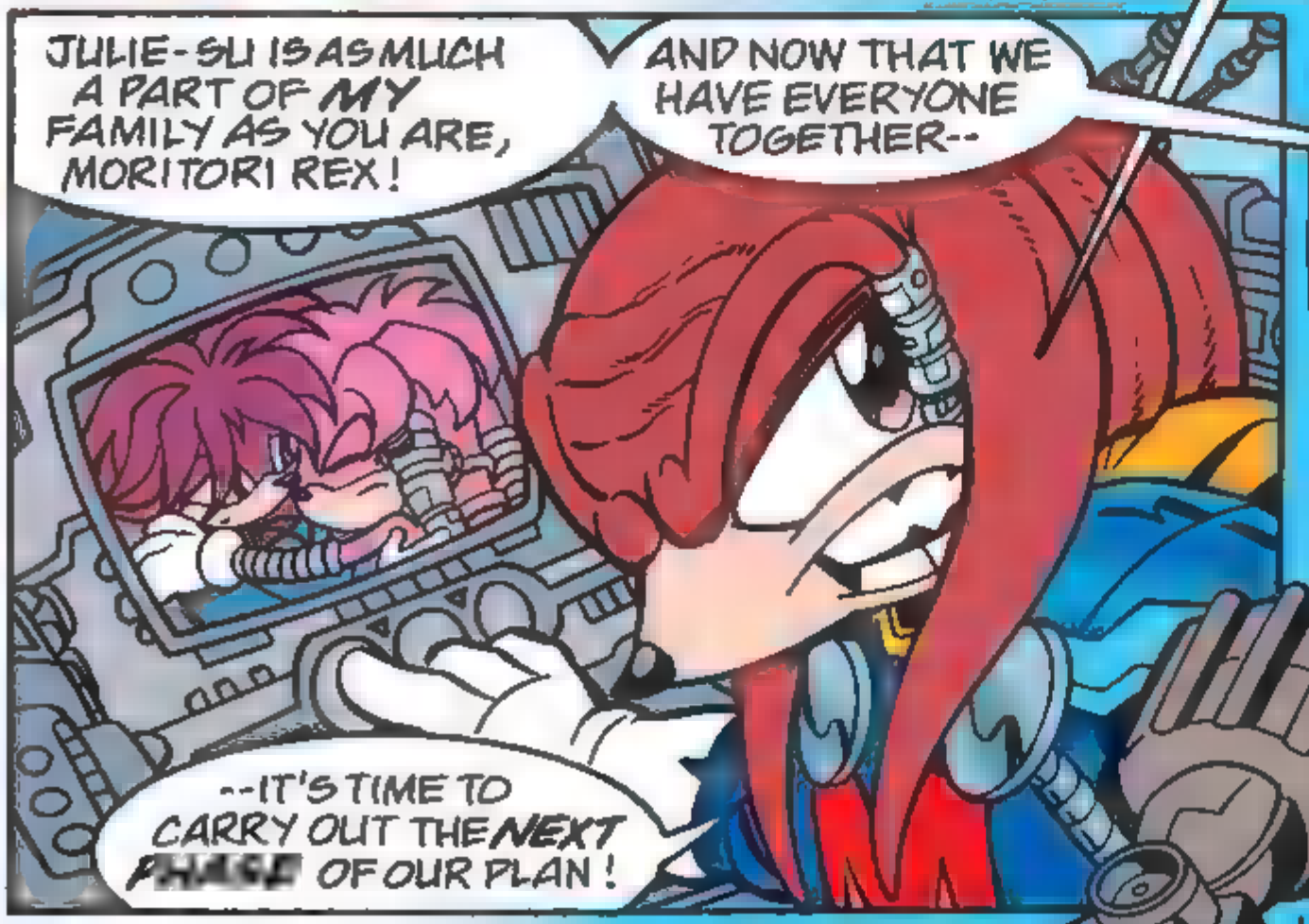


WHO SAYS WE  
*WON'T*?

YOU'D BETTER  
PRAY I'M NOT THE  
ONE WHO GETS  
TO DECIDE YOUR  
FATE!



I STILL SAY WE SHOULD  
HAVE *LEFT* HER BACK ON  
THE *ISLAND*!



JULIE-SU IS AS MUCH  
A PART OF *MY*  
FAMILY AS YOU ARE,  
MORTORI REX!

AND NOW THAT WE  
HAVE EVERYONE  
TOGETHER--

--IT'S TIME TO  
CARRY OUT THE *NEXT*  
*PHASE* OF OUR PLAN!



"ACTIVATE THE QUANTUM BEAM!"





STAND  
FIRM--

HEY!!

WHAT  
THE...?

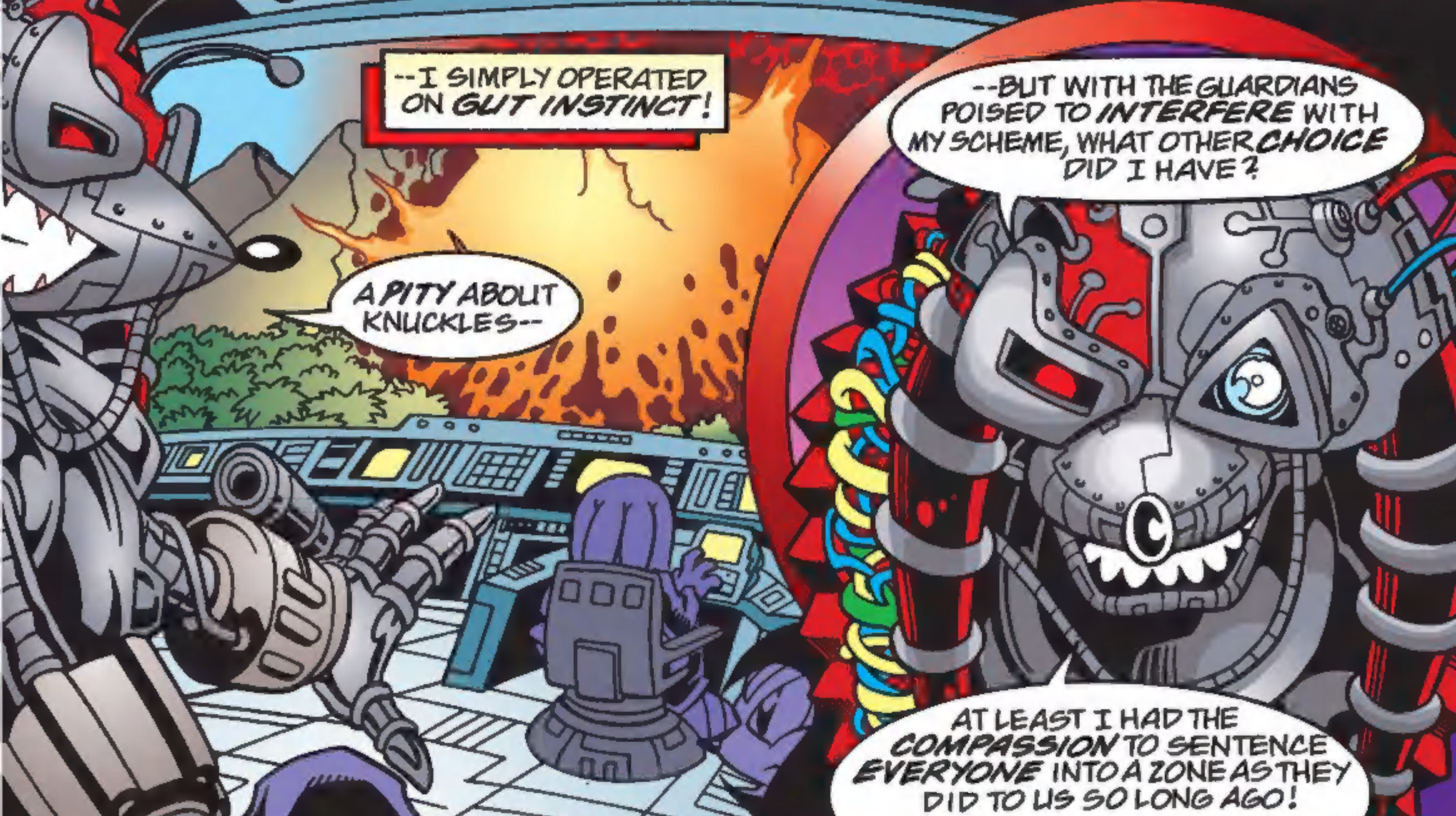
THEY PULLED A  
FAST ONE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN  
THE DARK LEGION WOULD  
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--

--EVEN IF THEY HAD  
TO SACRIFICE THEIR  
OWN TO DO SO!

AS FOR ME--





--I SIMPLY OPERATED  
ON **GUT** INSTINCT!

A **PITY** ABOUT  
KNUCKLES--

--BUT WITH THE GUARDIANS  
POISED TO **INTERFERE** WITH  
MY SCHEME, WHAT OTHER **CHOICE**  
DID I HAVE?

AT LEAST I HAD THE  
**COMPASSION** TO SENTENCE  
**EVERYONE** INTO A ZONE AS THEY  
DID TO US SO LONG AGO!

NOW THE MAIN **OBSTACLE**  
TO ACHIEVING OUR GOAL  
HAS BEEN **REMOVED**--



"--WE CAN NOW **RECLAIM** WHAT  
IS **RIGHTFULLY** OURS!"





THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN  
SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 24, AS WE AND  
KNUCKLES EMBARK ON...

## THE ROAD TO ALBION